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Introduction

This is the fourth cardiovascular conference to be held in Snowmass-at-Aspen, the purpose of which was to develop a perspective on the results, current status and usefulness of new techniques in the management of congenital and acquired heart disease, including definitive procedures and methods of evaluation. New surgical techniques for total correction of complex cardiac malformations are evaluated and long-range follow-up of valve replacement and coronary revascularization procedures is presented. An attempt is made to characterize the surgical candidate in these various areas. The help and advice of Dr. LESLIE L. KELMINSON and Dr. BRUCE C. PATON in developing this conference is gratefully acknowledged.

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