



Preface

Pediatric Heart Transplantation

This monograph, entitled “Pediatric Heart Transplantation,” represents the second volume in the *ISHLT Monograph Series*. Compiled by a group of internationally recognized experts, this monograph reviews the current state of knowledge in nearly all the important areas of pediatric heart transplantation. During the last decade, many innovations have become standard-of-care in the evolving field of heart transplantation in infants and children. With improving short- and long-term survival, coupled with the identification of risk factors through multi-institutional data bases, pediatric heart transplantation is now a mature subspecialty within the field of cardiothoracic transplantation.

Dr. Charles Canter, my co-editor of this monograph, is a recognized expert in the field of pediatric heart failure and transplantation. The outstanding results in infant heart transplantation at his institution are well known, and he has provided consistent leadership over the last decade in the refinement of knowledge in pediatric heart transplantation through multi-institutional studies.

In this monograph, we have attempted to mold the contributions of numerous authors into a cohesive text with a similar writing style and minimal subject overlap. We hope that the readers will find it a useful resource, summarizing the relevant details and issues in pediatric transplantation that will facilitate the acquisition of emerging new information in this critical area of thoracic transplantation.

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