

FOREWORD

In this month's issue of *Current Problems in Cardiology* Dr. Miguel Zabalgaitia, Director of the Echocardiographic Laboratories at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, presents a comprehensive up-to-date and well-referenced discussion of the usefulness of transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography in assessing patients with prosthetic heart valves. Dr. Zabalgaitia has extensive experience using 2-D, Doppler, and color flow echocardiography for this purpose and his review is excellent.

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