

The Patient With Someone Else's Heart And Lungs

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Heart and lung transplant recipients can present for non-transplant related surgery at any time and pose specific anaesthetic challenges. In this session we will review the assessment of graft function, physiological and pharmacological implications of the denervated organs and management of immunosuppressive regimes. With increasing transplantation rates and improvement in survival rates it is only a matter of time before a patient with someone else's heart and lungs arrives in your anaesthetic bay.