

Readers' Corner

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Data Base for Congenital Cardiac Surgery and General Thoracic Surgery

Sir: I wish to thank Dr. Yasser Hegazy for his editorial article titled; project of national adult cardiac surgical registry (*J Egypt. Soc. Cardiothorac. Surg.* 2004;12(1): 5-14). Probably, this is the first step in one-thousand-mile journey. I hope that the Society and the Journal will encourage the use of this system in all cardiac centers in Egypt and find a way for database of congenital cardiac surgery as well as general thoracic surgery.

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Teaching Function of the Journal

Sir: I have read with interest the articles related to cardiopulmonary bypass and circulatory supporting systems in your Journal. May I suggest the following: First, to have a separate section for the CPB in the Journal. Second, to add teaching aids with resume protocol for some situations e. g., deep hypothermia and circulatory arrest (DHCA), and finally, to have protocol for emer-

gency situations e.g., how to deal with air embolism? What to do in iatrogenic dissecting aneurysms? Etc.

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Perfusion Section in the Journal

Sir: Would you excuse me, I can bravely say that the teaching function of the Journal is a bit lacking. May I suggest the introduction of some teaching chapters to enrich the Journal in order to help the trainee in their carrier..

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Cardiac Anesthesia Section in the Journal

Sir: I read with interest the articles dealing with cardiac anesthesia and I hope to find a separate section for it with a new separate section editor.

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