



## Renal transplantation in urology

It is my pleasure to introduce the current issue of *Translational Andrology and Urology* with a special focus on Renal Transplantation in Urology. The role of the Urologist in transplantation is variable. In some centers such as ours, Urologists perform the surgery, manage the immunosuppression and care for post-operative complications. In other centers, Urologists have only a peripheral role, consulting for the medical and surgical complications that can follow the procedure and immunosuppression. The articles in this issue address a variety of preoperative, perioperative and postoperative issues for Urologists at every level of involvement.

We begin with a review of immunosuppressive drugs used in non-transplant applications of Urology. There is good evidence for many of these indications, yet Urologists who aren't involved with transplantation are often hesitant to use them. Transplant specific reviews include use of machine preservation and perfusion of kidneys and ABO incompatible protocols. Broader topics include specific urologic issues in pediatric transplantation, management of post-operative urologic complications and challenges in HIV positive transplant patients. Finally we cover post-operative medical complications including erectile dysfunction, neurologic complications and male infertility.

We hope you find these articles timely and useful.

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