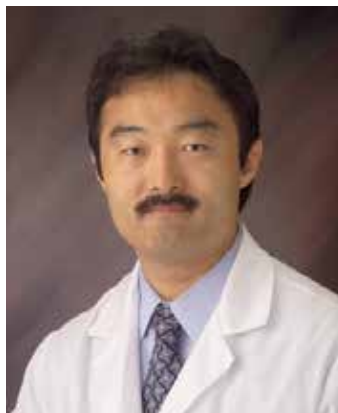


I am honored to serve as Honorary Editor of this book *From Lung Transplantation to Heart-Lung Transplantation*. I have been lucky to have the privilege to lead two centers that performed/performs the largest volume of lung transplantation in the US, University of Pittsburgh and Temple University. Even during the short period of time when I have been involved in lung and heart-lung transplantation in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, I have witnessed many changes made in recipient/donor selection, and pre/intra/post-operative management. As an experienced lung and heart-lung transplant surgeon, I always felt that a comprehensive book is lacking for students, residents, fellows, junior faculty and even experienced faculty to learn lung and heart-lung transplantation. Therefore, I believe publishing a book that focuses on lung transplantation and heart-lung transplantation is timely and important to guide current and future clinicians, educators and researchers with the most up-to-date information by the expert in the world. The contributors of this book are diversified around the world from Africa, America, Asia, Europe, and Oceania, and are truly the expert in each topic, who has extensive experience in large volume centers.

Lung transplant volume continues to increase worldwide as clearly shown in the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Registry data, and more and more centers are performing lung transplantation. Lung transplantation chapter of this book covers a variety of topics such as indications and contraindications of lung transplantation including ISHLT guidelines, surgical techniques, outcomes and complications after lung transplantation including acute and chronic rejections, basic and clinical research related to lung transplantation, extracorporeal life support in the pre, intraop, and post lung transplant period, and ex-vivo lung perfusion for donor lung preservation. Heart-Lung transplantation chapter also covers pediatric and adult indications and outcomes, surgical techniques, donor selection, and application of extracorporeal life support. The content of each chapter can be applied for clinicians to improve their patient care and provide a hint of further research.

I am confident that this book is insightful and helpful for surgeons, physicians, researchers, coordinators and any team members involved in multi-disciplinary transplant team, and will contribute to advancement of the field of lung and heart-lung transplantation. I would like to congratulate Mr. Stephen D. Wang, Founder and CEO of AME publishing Company for his passion to put these experts together to publish a comprehensive book that will help clinicians around the globe and ultimately the patients taken care of by them.



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