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## Foreword

**H** eart failure is a major health issue and it is the leading cause of hospitalizations worldwide. Structural and/or functional cardiac abnormalities are present in patients with heart failure and the utilization of ultrasound techniques are important for the diagnosis and management of these patients. In this issue of the Journal Mozzini, C et al reviews the importance of ultrasound in patients with heart failure in both for hospitalized patients and in follow up visits. In addition, the authors point out that a five step ultrasound technique may be used as a recovery monitoring instrument at the bedside and also as a global cardiovascular assessment tool for these patients. HF represents an exciting opportunity to create an integrative ultrasound approach in Internal Medicine/Geriatric departments.