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Devices for management of sudden cardiac death: Successes, challenges and perspectives

In this review paper, successes, challenges and perspectives in the management of sudden cardiac death in patients with heart failure by use of the implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs) was discussed. Despite the enormous success of the device therapy with ICDs, there are still major challenges to the current approach. For example, although the current approaches focused on the reduced heart pump function, the majority of sudden cardiac death happens in patients with moderate to normal heart pumping function.