Pregnancy and Heart Failure — A Call for Papers

While heart failure predominantly affects middle-aged and older adults, heart failure and related complications during or shortly following pregnancy is not rare. There are nearly 4 million live births in the U.S. each year which translates to an annual incidence of some 1000-4000 new cases of peripartum cardiomyopathy (PPCM). The true incidence is likely much higher, as many cases go undiagnosed, or are not classified as PPCM because they don’t fulfill strict diagnostic criteria. The burgeoning number of young women with various forms of adult congenital heart disease who may be at risk for developing heart failure as a result of the hemodynamic stresses imposed by pregnancy present challenges with respect to planning and monitoring pregnancy, delivery, and the post-partum period. Similar issues arise for women who may have a history of treatment with cancer chemotherapy and/or biologics. Further, the opioid, intravenous drug abuse, and obesity epidemics place women at increased risk for cardiovascular complications during pregnancy, including heart failure.

For these reasons and more, the *Journal of Cardiac Failure* is pleased to announce a Call for Papers for a forthcoming issue of the *Journal* focusing on Pregnancy and Heart Failure. Drs. Kathryn Lindley and Mary (Minnow) Walsh will serve as co-guest editors for this issue. We invite submission of original research studies, reviews, brief reports, and research letters that address any aspect of heart failure and pregnancy, including (but not limited to) basic mechanisms, epidemiology, pathophysiology, prevention, diagnosis, management, and prognosis. The **deadline for submission of manuscripts is June 15, 2020**, with anticipated publication in December 2020. To submit your paper, please go to the *Journal* website, www.onlinejcf.com, indicating in your cover letter that the paper is intended for the focus issue. All papers will undergo standard external peer review, in keeping with the *Journal’s* policies, and at the discretion of the editors. We are excited to introduce this special issue that focuses on an exceedingly important topic in heart failure, and we look forward to receiving your manuscripts.