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Diagnosis and treatment of thoracic surgery patients in the era of pediatrics requires sufficient experience and up-to-date knowledge, as in the adult age group, as well as quite different approaches, since the child is a growing and developing organism. Therefore, we attempt to compile the approach to diagnosis and treatment of patients in this era from a multidisciplinary perspective, including current information and developments. I believe that this study will create a comprehensive resource to which our valuable scientists, who are experts in their fields, contribute by sharing their clinical experiences, and I hope that it will be useful for physicians in other relevant specialties, particularly thoracic surgery. I would like to express my gratitude to all our professors and the editors and assistants of the *Turkish Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* who contributed to the preparation of the special issue, which will fill a gap in the field, by recognizing their valuable knowledge and efforts.

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