

Teamwork and progress: A viewpoint from the cardiovascular Institute of the Fuwai Hospital, Beijing

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Cardiovascular surgery and anaesthesia is remarkably young in China, almost its entire history having occurred in slightly more than the past 55 years. Just as a young man, it grows fast. Fuwai Hospital is one of specific hospitals for cardiovascular diseases. Fuwai hospital was established in 1956. Fuwai physicians have been working hard to improve the treatment and care for patients, emphasizing teamwork, innovation and evidence-based decision making and strive for the highest quality of patient care, education and research. It is this teamwork that makes a miracle in the surgical treatment of cardiac diseases.

At Fuwai Hospital in 2011, the surgical volume has reached 10107 in Beijing headquarters. This is a new milestone for Fuwai Hospital, which makes it one of the top cardiovascular surgical centres worldwide in terms of surgical volume. While the surgical volume is rising, the operative mortality has been controlled at less than 1% for many years. This significant progress comes from the teamwork of Fuwai physicians under the leadership of President Shenshou Hu. This talk will briefly focus on the progress of Fuwai Hospital and achievement of Fuwai physicians in clinic work, research and education.