



## Adoption of Robotics in Thoracic Surgery

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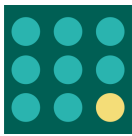
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### Message from the Guest Editor

Over the past three decades, technical advances in the field of minimally invasive surgery have been exploding. One of the most revolutionary advances has been the development of the robotic surgical system. Recently, the robot-assisted thoracic surgery (RATS) approach has been widely adopted with several reported advantages, including enhanced three-dimensional visualization, improved dexterity of instrumentation, and ergonomic design, which are believed to help us provide patients with more precise and effective surgery. However, concerns have been raised regarding the increased cost and potentially non-increased effectiveness of RATS compared with other established minimally invasive thoracic surgical approaches such as traditional video-assisted thoracic surgery. This Special Issue of the *Journal of Personalized Medicine* aims to highlight the current status and future perspectives of robotics in the field of thoracic surgery. The technical and scientific advances in minimally invasive thoracic surgery will continue to move forward with personalized and optimal treatment for thoracic malignancies.

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