The anastomotic ligation of small intestine subjected to arterial, venous or combined vascular occlusion in various levels of the small gut. The authors conclude that (1) in experimental vascular occlusion, ligation in continuity is not a dependable method; division is necessary to insure interruption of a given vessel. (2) Interruption of any or all of the mesenteric supply to a 15 cm. segment of the dog’s small intestine results in death of less than half of the animals treated. (3) In the dog complete vascular deprivation of a segment 15 cm. or less in length cannot be accomplished uniformly by interruption of intestinal and arcuate vessels. (4) Contrary to the usual assumption, in this series, venous ligation produced no higher mortality than ligation of any other vessel or combination of vessels. (5) In the dog there appears to be no significant difference between the revascularization potential of different levels of the small intestine. (6) The great revascularizing ability of the canine intestine is strikingly demonstrated by these experiments. The role played by the intramural vessels and their anastomotic connections needs further investigation as does the effect of associated distention of the gut.

Beck


The author presents 29 cases of sudden and unexpected natural death in which the cause of death was spontaneous rupture of a syphilitic aneurysm of the ascending aorta into the pericardial cavity with resultant hemopericardium and cardiac tamponade. The ages of the patients ranged from 17 years to 78 years. Twenty-three men and 6 women, 11 of whom were white persons and 17 of whom were Negroes, were included in the series.

Twenty-seven deaths were due to rupture of the ascending aorta in that part which lies within the pericardial reflection. In 2 cases, death was due to aneurysms which were outside the pericardial reflection but which had eroded into the pericardial cavity. Anatomically, syphilitic aneurysm of the ascending aorta may rupture into the right atrium, the right ventricle, the conus arteriosus, the pulmonary artery, the superior vena cava, the left atrium, the right bronchus, or, as in this series, directly into the pericardial cavity. With rupture into the pericardial sac death is usually sudden, occurring a few minutes after the rupture.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
ABSTRACT AVAILABLE

An abstract of the proceedings of the National Conference on Diseases of the Heart and Circulation, held in Washington last January 18–20, is now available. A complete edition of all the reports and papers also will be ready shortly. Copies of both of these publications may be obtained by writing to Dr. John W. Ferree, Public Health Director of the Association.

INTERNATIONAL CARDIOLOGICAL CONGRESS IN PARIS

A meeting of the International Cardiological Congress will be held in Paris September 3–9, 1950. All papers read at the meeting will be published in the Archives des maladies du coeur.

Publishers of medical books have been invited to exhibit books on cardiology published
since 1930, as well as sample numbers of periodicals in this field. Only material directly pertaining to cardiovascular diseases will be shown. Shipments should be sent by mail to reach the following address before June 1, 1950:

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After the Congress, all books which have been exhibited will be sent as a gift to the Library of the Faculty of Medicine in Paris, in appreciation of its organization of the Congress. This arrangement will avoid customs duties, the expense of reshipment and payments, which are difficult to arrange with certain countries. Material will be accepted for exhibition only under these conditions.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR INTERNAL MEDICINE

The International Society for Internal Medicine will hold its first formal meeting in Paris immediately following the Cardiological Congress. The program is being prepared under the direction of Professors A. Gigon of Basle and Nanna Svartz of Stockholm.

Professor Gigon may be reached at 1 Hebelstrasse, Basle, Switzerland, and Professor Svartz at Karolinski Sjukhuset, Stockholm 60, Sweden.

Further information about the meetings may be obtained from Doctor Albert M. Snell, Palo Alto Clinic, 300 Homer Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

NEW AFFILIATES OF HEART ASSOCIATION

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