Heart Care Guidelines
To Be Developed by AHA

A contract to develop guidelines for the evaluation of medical facilities and services in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with cardiovascular disease and for related specialty training, has been awarded to the American Heart Association by the Division of Regional Medical Programs of the Health Services and Mental Health Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The study will be carried out by a newly established Inter-Society Commission for Heart Disease Resources which includes representatives of the following national professional organizations and specialty boards with interests in the cardiovascular field:


Also, in cooperation with the following Federal agencies: Heart Disease and Stroke Control Program, National Heart Institute, Social and Rehabilitation Service and Veterans Administration.

Representatives from the participating medical organizations have been appointed to the Commission on the basis of special competence in major aspects of cardiovascular disease and expert knowledge of facilities, personnel and training programs necessary to provide the highest quality of care including prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with cardiovascular disease.

Irving S. Wright, M.D. of New York, past president of both the American Heart Association and the American College of Physicians, has been named National Chairman of the new Commission.

AHA will serve as the fiscal agent for this contract—which supports the first year of a three-year grant—on behalf of all the organizations listed and will coordinate the activities of the Inter-Society Commission.

The legislation establishing Regional Medical Programs, Public Law 89-239, is designed to enable physicians and hospitals to provide the most advanced techniques of diagnosis and treatment (including prevention and rehabilitation) to their patients with heart disease, cancer, stroke and related diseases. In accordance with one section of the law, the assistance of national professional organizations is being enlisted to develop guidelines for evaluating the capability of medical facilities to provide expert diagnosis and treatment and advanced specialty training in
the fields of heart disease, cancer and stroke.

The findings of the Inter-Society Commission for Heart Disease Resources will be embodied in a series of published "Guidelines" to be used by medical facilities in communities of various sizes and geographic locations. Those characteristics of organization, staffing and equipment necessary to enable physicians to deliver the highest quality of medical care in the field of heart disease will be identified.

When completed, the "Guidelines" will be made available to medical care institutions to aid them in evaluating their own capabilities and deficiencies; to physicians as a basis for assessing local community potential; and to staffs of Regional Medical Programs as an aid in regional planning.

Dr. Wright is clinical Professor of Medicine at Cornell University Medical College and Consulting Physician at the New York Hospital. An authority on cardiovascular disease, he pioneered in the study of the mechanisms of thrombosis and the development and application of anticoagulants in treating thromboembolic conditions.

AHA Scientific Sessions
Program is Outlined

The 42nd annual Scientific Sessions of the Association will feature eight Clinical Sessions of special interest to practicing physicians and simultaneous sessions devoted to various phases of cardiovascular research.

The programs will run concurrently over a four-day period from Thursday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 16, in Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Texas. June 6, 1969 has been set as the deadline for receipt of abstracts of papers and applications for scientific exhibits and cardiovascular films to be considered for presentation at the Sessions.

A tentative schedule for the meeting follows:

An address by AHA President Walter B. Frommeyer, Jr., and the Conner Memorial Lecture will open the meeting on Thursday morning, Nov. 13. Thursday's clinical program includes lectures on etiology of congenital heart disease; pulmonary hypertension; and pulmonary ventilation perfusion relationships. Concurrent sessions will feature a symposium on left ventricular hypertrophy and cardiac function.

Friday's clinical program includes the International Lecture; a symposium on studies in coronary circulation; and lectures on electrolytes and the heart, and on blood coagulation—clinical implications of recent advances. Symposia on pathophysiology of congenital defects and on population studies are scheduled during Friday's simultaneous sessions.

Scheduled for the clinical sessions on Saturday are symposia on clinical application of myocardial function tests, and on ultrasonic methods in cardiovascular disease; and lectures on the effects of aging on the cardiovascular system, and the cardiovascular effects of obesity. In addition to the Brown Memorial Lecture, Saturday's scientific program includes a symposium on parenchymal renal disease and hypertension.

Sunday's clinical program features lectures on pericardial disease, on nitroglycerin, and on management of peripheral vascular disease; and a symposium on management of circulatory failure in acute myocardial infarction. A symposium on cerebral and retinal microcirculation highlights Sunday's concurrent Scientific Session, as does an all-day showing of recently produced cardiovascular films.

Industrial exhibitors may apply for space through Steven K. Herlitz, Inc., 850 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.

Arteriosclerosis Council
Meets in Dallas, Nov. 11-12

The 1969 annual meeting of the Council on Arteriosclerosis of the Association is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 11 and Wednesday, Nov. 12 in Dallas. The meeting immediately precedes the four-day Scientific Sessions program of the American Heart Association.

June 6, 1969 is the deadline for receiving
abstracts of papers to be presented at the Council meeting. Official forms for submitting abstracts may be obtained from the Department of Councils and International Program at the Association's National Office.

The Council sessions are open to all interested individuals. Members and non-members alike are invited to submit abstracts for possible presentation.

**New Volume Issued**

**On Response to Exercise**

As Number 23 in its Monograph Series, the Association has issued an 80-page publication based on a longitudinal study of adaptive changes in oxygen transport and body composition. It is entitled "Response to Exercise After Bed Rest and After Training." The investigation was conducted by Bengt Saltin, Gunnar Blomqvist, Jere H. Mitchell, Robert L. Johnson, Jr., Kern Wildenthal and Carleton B. Chapman.

The publication is intended to shed more light on the complex manner in which man adapts to muscular exercise. The study investigated the capacity of an individual to adapt to long periods of exercise, rather than measuring a group of individuals at various stages over short periods of time. Both the capacity to return to normal activity after prolonged bed rest and, in the case of athletes, to resume training, are covered.

Of interest to cardiologists, internists, general practitioners, physiologists, psychiatrists, physical therapists and education specialists, the new publication may be obtained through local Heart Associations or the AHA National Office.

**Film On Aortic Valve**

**Issued by AHA**

"Functional Anatomy of the Aortic Valve," a new medical teaching film on the left ventricle and aortic valve in health and disease, has been produced by the Association under medical authorship of J. Michael Criley.

Through cineangiograms, the 16 mm, 32-minute color and sound film makes possible dynamic in vivo studies. It recapitulates pressures and heart sounds recorded at the time of cineangiographic study. Thus, the viewer may observe the heart's motion, the intracardiac pressures, and hear the heart sounds that are generated.

Similar displays are made of the various forms of aortic valvular disease. Through use of a patient, the film demonstrates the clinical manifestations of pure aortic regurgitation.

The film is intended especially for medical students and post-graduate physicians in all stages of training. It may be obtained on a loan or purchase basis through local Heart Associations or the AHA National Office.

**Work Evaluation Exhibit**

**Available for Meetings**

An exhibit which depicts the responsibilities of members of a cardiac work evaluation team is now available for meetings of professional organizations interested in rehabilitating cardios.

Consisting of a unit of self-illuminated panels with a header and revolving panel, the exhibit is designed to fit a standard 10-foot booth. Pictured with brief descriptions of their responsibilities are a cardiologist, social worker, psychiatrist and vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Information concerning loan of the exhibit may be obtained from local Heart groups or the AHA National Office.

**Meetings Calendar**

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June 11-13: 3 Days of Cardiology for Nurses (Recent Advances in Cardiovascular Nursing), Boston. Assistant Director, AHA Dept. of Medical Education, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10010.


July 13-19: International Congress of Clinical Pathology, Montreal. P. O. Box 8, Station G., Montreal, 18, Canada.

July 20-25: International Conference on Medical and Biological Engineering, Chicago. Dr. John E. Jacobs, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

July 31-August 2: 3 Days of Cardiology (Clinical Decisions in Cardiology, Course Directors, Thomas N. James, Lewis E. Janeway, Richard S. Ross), San Francisco. Inquiries to: Medical Education Dept., AHA, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10010.


September 5-7: Cardiovascular Symposium (AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology), Williamsburg, Va. Tidewater Heart Ass’n., 523 Boush St., Norfolk, Va. 23510.

September 18-20: Scientific Sessions (AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology and Texas Heart Ass’n.), Houston. Texas Heart Ass’n., P. O. Box 24041, Houston 77005.

September 19-20: Symposium, “Prevention—Bedside Diagnosis—Treatment” (AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology and Great Plains Regional Heart Ass’ns.), Iowa City. Dr. William R. Wilson, University Hospitals, University of Iowa, Iowa City 52240.

September 25-26: Conference on the Teaching of CV Surgery (AHA Committee on Medical Education and Chicago Heart Ass’n.), Chicago. Medical Education Dept. AHA, 44 E 23rd St., New York 10010.

September 25-27: 3 Days of Cardiology for Nurses (Recent Advances in Cardiac Nursing), Seattle. Assistant Director, AHA Dept. of Medical Education, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10010.

September 26-October 3: American Academy of General Practice, Philadelphia. Mac F. Cahal, Volker at Brookside, Kansas City, Mo. 64112.

September 29-October 1: 3 Days of Cardiology (Coronary Disease, Course Director, Richard Gorlin), Boston. Inquiries to: Medical Education Dept., AHA, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10010.

October 6-10: American College of Surgeons, San Francisco. Dr. J. P. North, 55 E. Erie, Chicago 60611.

October 13-17: American Association for Laboratory Animal Science, Dallas. J. J. Garvey, Box 10, Joliet, Ill. 60434.

October 15-17: 3 Days of Cardiology for Nurses (Recent Advances in Cardiac Nursing), Ann Arbor. Assistant Director, AHA Dept. of Medical Education, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10010.

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October 22-25: Canadian Heart Foundation and Canadian Cardiovascular Society, Quebec City. Dr. John B. Armstrong, 1130 Bay St., Toronto 4, Ontario, Canada.


November 2-5: International Symposium on Atherosclerosis (2nd), Chicago. Dr. Robert W. Wissler, Chicago Heart Ass’n., 22 W. Madison, Chicago 60602.

November 7-8: Clinical Aspects of Hypertensive CV Disease (AHA Council for High Blood Pressure Research, Los Angeles County Heart Ass’n., California Heart Ass’n.), Los Angeles. Medical Education Dept., AHA, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10010.

November 11-12: Council on Arteriosclerosis of AHA (Annual Meeting), Dallas. AHA Dept. of Councils, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10010.


November 30-December 3: American Medical Association (Clinical Convention), Denver. Dr. Ernest B. Howard, 535 N. Dearborn, Chicago 60610.

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February 4-6: Modern Cardiac Physical Diagnosis (AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology, Ohio State Heart Ass’n., Heart Ass’n. of Southwestern Ohio), Cincinnati. Dr. James F. Schieve, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati 45219.


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July 1-5: Asia Pacific Congress on Chest Diseases, Kyoto, Japan. Murray Kornfeld, American College of Chest Physicians, 112 E. Chestnut St., Chicago 60611.

September 1-4: International Society of Geographical Pathology, Jerusalem. Dr. I. S. Levij, Hadassah Medical School, P. O. Box 1172, Jerusalem, Israel.

September 2-4: International Congress on Hyperbaric Medicine (4th), Sapporo, Japan. Dr. Juro Wada, Sapporo Medical College, South 1, West 16, Sapporo, Japan.


December 7-13: South American Congress of Cardiology (4th), and Uruguayan Society of Cardiology Congress (2nd), Punta del Este, Uruguay. Dr. Herman Artucio, Av. A. Graciada 1464. Montevideo, Uruguay.

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