News from the American Heart Association

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AHA Announces Highlights of 47th Scientific Sessions

The American Heart Association's 47th Annual Scientific Sessions will be held November 18 through November 21 in the Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas.

Seven half-day sessions have been designed to meet the interests and preferences of specialists and physicians concerned with cardiovascular disease, as well as investigators engaged in clinical or basic research. Lectures, panels and symposia will offer participants the opportunity to learn of the newest methods of diagnosis and therapy. Simultaneous sessions are scheduled for the presentation of more than 500 papers based on original investigative work related to all areas of cardiovascular disease. A complete program listing all papers by title will be available in October. Program copies will be mailed to participants who register in advance.

Cardiovascular Conferences and “How To” sessions will be held for small group discussions of timely problems. Admission is by ticket only and attendance is limited. Tickets will be available at the Registration Desk.

Special Postgraduate Sessions have been organized by AHA's Scientific Councils. There is no registration fee for the seminars. They are open to all who are registered for the Scientific Sessions.

The 28th Annual Meeting of AHA's Council on Arteriosclerosis has been scheduled for November 19-20.

Scientific Sessions for Nurses, a series of lectures and panels planned to meet the needs of nurses caring for patients with cardiovascular disease, will be held November 19-20. Cardiovascular Nursing Conferences and “How To” sessions for nurses have been scheduled. Original nursing research projects submitted to the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing also will be presented.

Pertinent new films on cardiovascular medicine will be featured in an all-day program. Scientific, industrial and educational exhibits will be on display throughout the sessions.

For further information and advance registration forms, contact your local Heart Association or the AHA National Office, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

AHA Thrombosis Council Will Sponsor National Conference

The American Heart Association's Council on Thrombosis will present a National Conference on Thrombosis and Hemostasis November 20-22, 1974, in conjunction with AHA's 47th Scientific Sessions in Dallas.

The meeting is designed to provide a national inter-disciplinary forum for the discussion of new scientific and medical advances relating to the problems of thrombosis and hemostasis. H. James Day, M.D., and Michael W. Mosesson, M.D., are conference co-chairmen.

Conference highlights include symposia, workshops and research reports on the Relationship Between Arteriosclerosis and Thrombogenesis; Platelet Functional Disorders; Control Mechanisms of Blood Coagulation; Initiation of Thrombus Formation; Prosthetic Devices, Surfaces, Flow and Thrombogenesis; Fibrinogen Structure; Biology of Factor VIII; and Thrombotic Diseases — Diagnosis and Therapy.

There will be no registration fee for members of the AHA Council on Thrombosis or registered attendees of the Scientific Sessions. All others will pay a registration fee of $50. The conference sessions will be held at the Dallas Convention Center and the Baker Hotel. For advanced registration, contact: American Heart Association, Section on Scientific Programs, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

Community Health Services for Stroke Outlined in Reprint


This report provides community professionals with information and direction in identifying persons at high risk, preventing stroke, improving care of stroke patients, and providing continuity of care, particularly after the life-threatening phase of illness. The responsibilities facing health workers also are detailed.

The reprint may be ordered from local Heart Associations or AHA's Distribution Department.

3 Days of Cardiology Slated for September

A "Three Days of Cardiology" program, entitled "Non-Invasive Methods in Cardiology — 1974," will be held September 20-22, 1974 at the Americana Hotel, New York City.
The course is being sponsored by the AHA’s Council on Clinical Cardiology, the State University of New York at Stony Brook, the Clinical Campus at Queens Hospital Center, and the Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center in cooperation with the New York Heart Association. Samuel Zoneraich, M.D., F.A.C.C., is course director.

This intensive three-day program will present an up-to-date and comprehensive review of basic concepts, physiologic correlates and interpretations in a clinical setting related to: phonocardiography, echocardiography, apexcardiography, radarkymography, phonoanteriography, venous and arterial pulses, systolic time intervals, stress testing, pacemaker clinical and radionuclide angiography.

For further information, contact George E. Stewart, Jr., American Heart Association, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

New Self-instruction Unit Discusses Hyperlipidemia and Coronary Artery Disease

A new audio-visual lecture series, entitled “Hyperlipidemia and Coronary Artery Disease — A Practical Approach” (EM 612) has been produced by the Heart Association.

The unit was prepared by Frank Rees Smith, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and Paul H. Schreibman, M.D., Assistant Professor, Rockefeller University.

This self-instruction series presents the basic step-by-step information needed by a practitioner in treating hyperlipidemias, including the role of lipids (primarily cholesterol and triglycerides) in atherosclerosis with supporting evidence from epidemiological studies, and the metabolism and transport of cholesterol and triglycerides. Practical methods of management are outlined, including diagnosis based on interpretation of laboratory findings, physical examination and family history. Therapeutic regimens emphasize diet therapy with expected results, alternative approaches if required, and drug therapy with indications of types of drugs to be used. The effects of alcohol on lipid metabolism are discussed.

The unit contains a set of 23 color slides and a standard tape recording which can be played on any cassette recorder. It is available from local Heart Associations and AHA’s Distribution Department.

CPR/ Early Warning Signs

Wallet Card is Revised

The AHA’s wallet card for emergency personnel has been revised to include a reduction of the new Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in Basic Life Support Wall Chart. One side of the card gives the emergency CPR steps that must be taken when cardiac arrest oc- curs. The other side lists the early warning signs of heart attack.

This card (EM 397 A rev.) should be given to personnel trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, such as policemen, firemen, life guards, ambulance attendants and lay groups trained in CPR. It is available from local Heart Associations and AHA’s Distribution Department.

Training Program to Focus on Congenital Heart Disease

The Departments of Pediatrics and Pathology of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine will offer a two to eight week training program in the pathobiology of congenital heart disease.

The program, scheduled for October 1 through March 1, 1975, is for physicians currently enrolled in postgraduate training programs, as well as those who have completed training. Trainees will be able to study specimens from a collection of over 700 hearts with congenital malformations, and to correlate clinical data with the defects. For further information, contact Glenn C. Rosenquist, M.D., Department of Pediatrics, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, 601 North Broadway, Baltimore, Md. 21205.

Meetings Calendar

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September 6: SECOND ANNUAL CARDIAC REHABILITATION WORKSHOP. Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. Inquiries to: Gerald F. Fletcher, M.D., Director of Internal Medicine, Georgia Baptist Hospital, 300 Boulevard, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30312.

September 18-20: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF HYPERTENSION. Sponsored by the Chicago Heart Association, the AHA Council on Epidemiology, the AHA Council for High Blood Pressure Research, and NHLI. Inquiries to: Oglesby Paul, M.D., Chicago Heart Association, 22 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. 60602.

September 20-22: “NON-INVASIVE METHODS IN CARDIOLOGY — 1974.” Americana Hotel, New York, New York. Sponsored by the AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology, the State University of New York at Stony Brook, the Clinical Campus at Queens Hospital Center, and the Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center in cooperation with the New York Heart Association. Inquiries to: George E. Stewart, Jr., AHA, 44 East 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010.


October 12: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TENSION CONTROL. Chicago, Illinois. Inquiries to: Dr. Robert Rinehart, American Assn. for the Advancement of Tension Control, Executive Office, P.O. Box 7512, Roanoke, Va. 24019.


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August 30–31: SYMPOSIUM ON MYOCARDIAL CONTRACTILITY. La Plata, Argentina. Inquiries to: Dr. H. E. Cingolani, Chairman of Physiology, Facultad de Ciencias Medicas, 60 y 120, La Plata, Argentina.


September 26–28: INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF HYPERTENSION — THIRD MEETING. Milan, Italy. Inquiries to: Professor A. Zanchetti, Instituto di Ricerche Cardiovascolari dell’ Universita di Milano, Via F. Sforza 35, 20122 Milan, Italy.

October 9–11: THIRD NATIONAL CONGRESS OF INTERNAL MEDICINE. Bucharest, Roumania. Inquiries to: Internal Medicine Society of the Union of Medical Sciences of Roumania, 8, Rue Progresul, Bucharest, Roumania.

October 14–17: INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ELECTROCARDIOLOGY. Wiesbaden, West Germany. Inquiries to: Sekretariat, Medical Clinic of St. Josef’s Hospital, 62 Wiesbaden, West Germany, Solmsstraife 15.

*Co-sponsored by the American Heart Association’s Council on Clinical Cardiology.