

## **Sir Thomas Lewis**

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Sir Thomas Lewis - physiologist, cardiologist, and clinical scientist - was born in 1881, and Mauritius is issuing a five rupee stamp in August to commemorate his centenary. It depicts Sir Thomas and an early electrocardiograph. The stamp will be one of a set of seven on "Past eminent personalities", the other six being of eminent Mauritians

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## **Subacute bacterial endocarditis**

A survey is currently being carried out by the British Cardiac Society and the Medical Services Study Group of the Royal College of Physicians. Though improvement of dental prophylaxis is the prime objective, the survey is already yielding other valuable information. It is hoped that proformas will be received in respect of a high proportion of patients with subacute bacterial endocarditis in the British Isles seen during 1981 and 1982 and readers are asked to arrange for them to be submitted in respect of any cases that come to their notice. Proformas can be obtained from Sir Cyril Clarke, Medical Services Study Group, King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF (tel. 01-267 6111, ext. 263) to whom they should be returned.