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were identified in 13 patients, with the defect visualised in 10. In the remaining three patients contrast echocardiography demonstrated right to left ventricular shunting.

We conclude that two dimensional echocardiography is extremely effective in identifying and predict-

ing the haemodynamic significance of adult congenital ventricular septal defects. In addition, this study emphasises the value of two dimensional echocardiography in demonstrating post-infarction defects, either by direct visualisation or by the use of contrast echocardiography.

Notices

The Fifth Symposium on Echocardiology will be held at the Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 22 to 25 June 1983. For further details, please write to Mr H Rijsterborgh, Erasmus University, Ee 2302a, PO Box 1738, 3000 DR Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

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 one 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.

British Cardiac Society

The Autumn Meeting will take place at Wembley on 6 and 7 December 1982 and the closing date for receipt of abstracts is 11 August 1982.

The Annual General Meeting for 1983 will take place in Bristol on 12 and 13 April, and the closing date for abstracts will be 4 January 1983.

The Autumn Meeting will be held at Wembley on 21 and 22 November 1983, and the closing date for abstracts will be 28 July 1983.

International conference on cardiac arrest and resuscitation

This conference, sponsored by the British Heart Foundation in association with the Community Resuscitation Advisory Council, BASICS, and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith, will be held in Brighton on 19 to 21 October 1982. Inquiries to: Conference Services Limited, 3 Bute Street, London SW7 3EY.