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THE CHANGING FACE OF HEART FAILURE THERAPY

The long-term prognosis for patients with congestive heart failure remains poor, despite the availability of an increasing array of therapeutic agents. The diseased heart continues to grow larger, but beats ever less powerfully. The international conference to be held on 17 and 18 April 1989 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London, sets out to examine why. It will review the use of drugs for the treatment of congestive heart failure, examining how approaches to therapy have changed in recent years and predicting further changes in the near future. Established therapies such as

diuretics and digitalis will be examined alongside the latest data on vasodilators and ACE-inhibitors, with discussion of newer and still rather controversial therapies such as the use of beta-blockers and calcium antagonists. The meeting will then focus on new therapies such as beta-receptor partial agonists, new dopamine-like agents, phosphodiesterase inhibitors and novel agents with calcium sensitising activity. For details contact: Dr Renata Duke, IBC Technical Services Ltd., Bath House, 56 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2EX.

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This two-day international conference, organized by IBC Technical Services, will be held on 15 and 16 March 1989 at the Royal College of Physicians, London. It will provide a comprehensive update on the progress being made in research on atrial natriuretic factor. Although the factor was identified only six years ago, it has already been purified and sequenced, and a number of congeners, analo-

gues and even antagonists are under development. Native forms of ANF are in clinical trials, and at least one marketing application is in the pipeline. Potential indications include congestive heart failure, hypertension, renal and hepatic disease and asthma. For details contact: Dr Renata Duke, IBC Technical Services Ltd., Bath House 56 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2EX.