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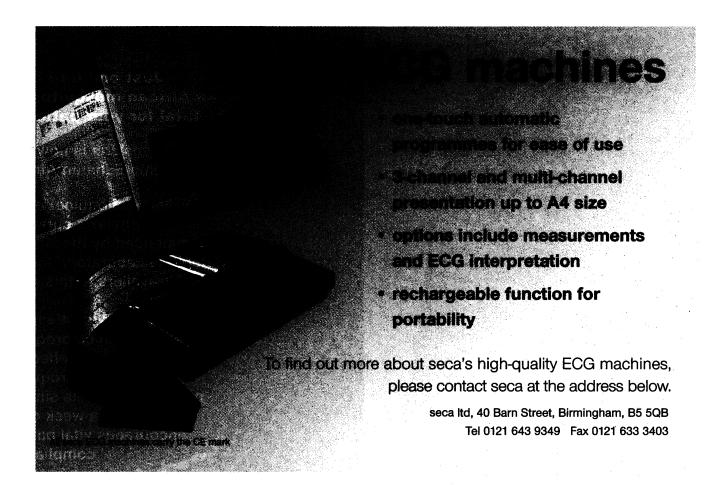
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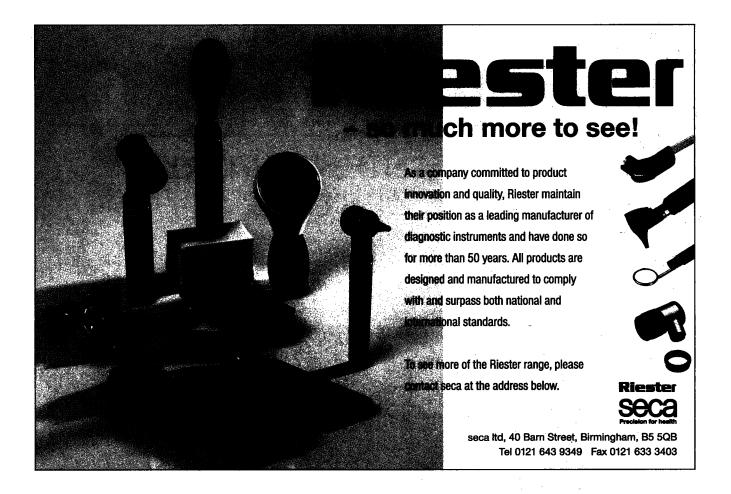
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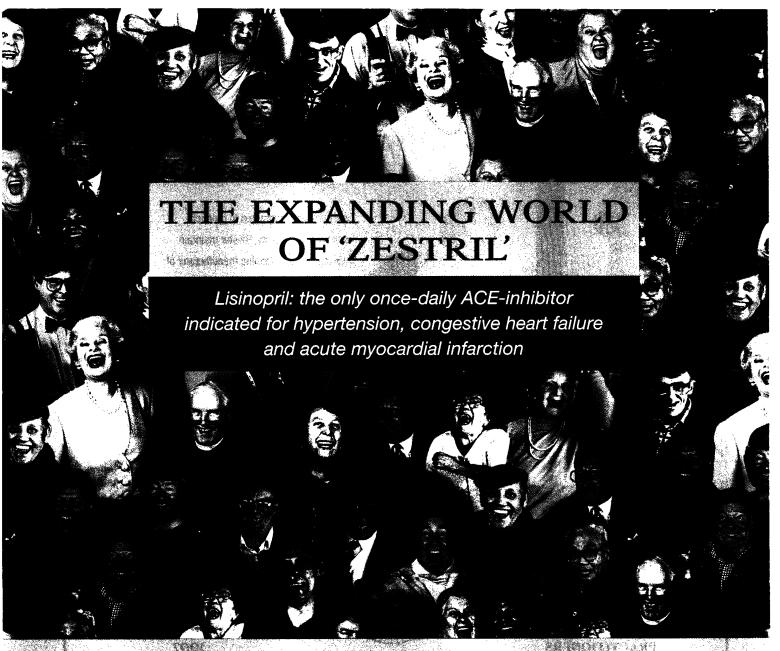
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Thursday 14 November 1996

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Thursday 14 November 1996

Venue: Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham

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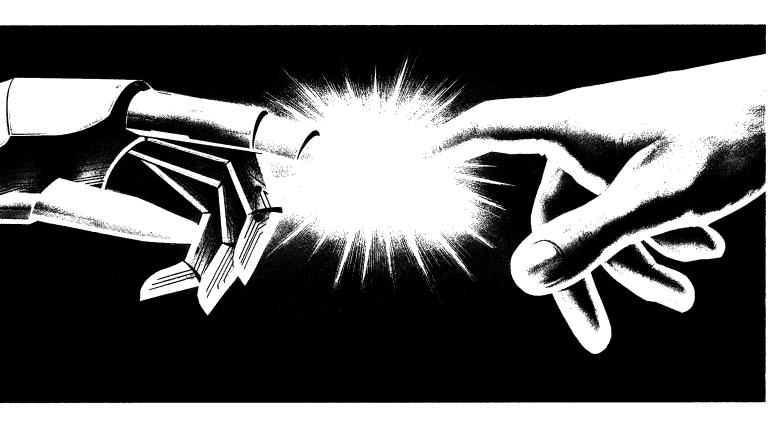
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