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1. Correct spatial reconstruction of cardiac morphology represents a major advance in non-invasive imaging techniques.
2. Three-dimensional echocardiography allows to see the heart in views that until now were the privilege of surgeons and anatomists.
3. The Atrial Septal Defect of the secundum type has a more complex anatomy on the right side and does not lie in a flat but in a folded plane.
4. The Atrial Septal Defect of the secundum type is a dynamic entity with changing dimensions during the cardiac cycle.
5. The more anatomical details we can assess preoperatively, the shorter and "less invasive" will be the surgical procedure.
6. Three-dimensional echocardiography provides additional data in the preoperative assessment of the ventricular septum defect, both the right and the left ventricular outflow tract anomalies, not available from two-dimensional or M-mode echocardiography.
7. Three-dimensional echocardiography is the ideal non-invasive method for right ventricular volume calculation.
8. Modern society is based on imaging.
9. Wise is not the man that knows, but the man that knows that he does not know. (*Socrates*)
10. When everybody thinks in the same way, nobody thinks too much. (*Lippman*)
11. Nightmares are overcome by dreams.
12. Imagination is more important than having knowledge. (*A Einstein*)
13. If you depend on others to be happy you will be endlessly disappointed.
14. The conclusion of a paper should not be simply the place where you got tired of thinking.

