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Dr. [Kiang Liu](#)[Preventive Medicine](#)kiangliu@northwestern.edu**IRB Project Number:** CR4_STU00021057**Project Title:** Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA)**Project Sites:**

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Sponsor Information (Grant #, if applicable):[View](#) National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

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Submission Considered: Continuing Review **Submission Number:** CR4_STU00021057**Submission Review Type:** Expedited**Review Date:** 8/2/2012**Status:** APPROVED **Approval Period:** (8/31/2012 - 8/30/2013)

Dear Dr. Liu,

The IRB considered and approved your submission referenced above through 8/30/2013. As Principal Investigator (P.I.), you have ultimate responsibility for the conduct of this study, the ethical performance of the project, and the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects. You are required to comply with all NU policies and procedures, as well as with all applicable Federal, State and local laws regarding the protection of human subjects in research including, but not limited to the following:

- Not changing the approved protocol or consent form without prior IRB approval (except in an emergency, if

necessary, to safeguard the well-being of human subjects).

- Obtaining proper informed consent from human subjects or their legally responsible representative, using only the currently approved, stamped consent form.
- Promptly reporting unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others, or promptly reportable non-compliance in accordance with IRB guidelines.
- Submit a continuing review application 45 days prior to the expiration of IRB approval. If IRB re-approval is not obtained by the end of the approval period indicated above, all research related activities must stop and no new subjects may be enrolled.

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