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Study Sites: Northwestern University, Other Universities

Project Title: Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) N01-HC-95164/10

Submission Accession Number: 200806-3515

Submission(s) Considered: Periodic Review

Status: APPROVED

Project Expiration: 9/1/2009

On 8/22/2008 a member of the Institutional Review Board considered and approved your submission referenced above for a one year period ending 9/1/2009. IRB approval includes approval of the protocol and it is noted the study is closed to accrual.

IRB approval is granted with the understanding that the investigator will:

- Change neither the procedures nor the consent form without prior IRB review and approval of those changes.
- Changes in the approved research may not be initiated without IRB review and approval except when necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the subject. Proposed changes must be submitted to the IRB as a Revision.
- Promptly report any unanticipated problems involving risks to subjects or others to the IRB. (See OPRS website, <http://www.northwestern.edu/research/OPRS/irb>, for additional guidance on reporting of UPIRSOS)
- Submit a Continuing Review of Research Form 4-6 weeks prior to the expiration of this approval. If IRB renewal is not obtained by the indicated expiration date, the protocol will be closed.
- Send a copy of the final approved consent form and a copy of this approval letter to the Office of Sponsored Research (OSR) if this is a sponsored project. Additionally, OSR must be contacted if any amendments are made to this project that may affect the award.

Sincerely,

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