

Operations Memo No. 22



VA COOPERATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM # 424

Clinical Outcomes Utilizing Revascularization and Aggressive DruG Evaluation

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Subj: Enrollment of patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)

To: All Study Personnel

Thru: Trial Leadership

As a result of a recent Data Monitoring Board Meeting for CSP # 424, patients who present to the hospital with an acute coronary syndrome (ACS) (symptoms of “definite” or classic angina but no diagnostic ECG changes) and who do not have documentation of objective evidence of myocardial ischemia within the previous six months will no longer be required to undergo a stress test (exercise, radionuclear or pharmacologic) to document objective evidence of myocardial ischemia under the following conditions:

1. Patients must have a COURAGE eligible vessel with a lesion that is caliper-measured at ≥ 80 % coronary stenosis.
2. All other inclusion and exclusion criteria must be met.