

## Operations Memo No. 11



VA COOPERATIVE STUDIES PROGRAM # 424

### Clinical Outcomes Utilizing Revascularization and Aggressive DruG Evaluation

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Subj: HIV Positive Patients

To: Study Personnel

Thru: Trial Leadership

HIV+ patients are to be excluded from participation in the study. The new drugs that are now available for treating HIV infection have considerably extended the life span of these patients. However these drugs also interact rather significantly with statins, particularly simvastatin and lovastatin. We cannot prohibit the use of the available HIV drugs in these patients and while they may not be taking any of the problem drugs at baseline the likelihood of this continuing for the remainder of the study is small. Therefore HIV positive patients are excluded from the study.

This exclusion should be recorded under the criteria "other significant comorbidity".