

ARIC MANUSCRIPT PROPOSAL FORM

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1. Title (length 26):

Community Surveillance of Coronary Disease:
Design, Methods, and Applications in the ARIC study

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3. Timeline:

Analysis of 1987 mortality data from vital statistics could begin in a few weeks. If a decision is made to include ARIC mortality and morbidity data with MMCC classification, analysis could begin in 6 - 8 months.

4. Rationale:

The ARIC Study is designed to investigate geographic and temporal trends in fatal and non-fatal CHD event rates by two scientifically complementary components, a probability sample from each study community, and surveillance of the entire adult population of each community. The community surveillance component of the study currently is the only multi-center collaborative monitoring effort of this magnitude in the U.S. For these reasons, the design, methods, and early findings in terms of community mortality and event rates should be made available to the scientific community concurrently with papers describing the cohort.