

ARIC MANUSCRIPT PROPOSAL FORM

Manuscript #200

1. Title (length 26):

Fatigue and Wall Thickness

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3. Timeline:

Data analysis can begin as soon as Visit 2 data are complete. Draft manuscript six months later.

4. Rationale:

The ARIC (Maastrich) Fatigue Questionnaire was shown to be associated with coronary disease incidence in a previous study. It is of interest to find out if it is associated with carotid artery wall thickness as well.

5. Main Hypothesis:

Participants with increased fatigue will have thicker carotid artery walls than those without such symptoms.

6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):

Visit 2. Dependent variable: Wall thickness from Visit 2. Independent variable: Summary score from fatigue questionnaire. Covariates: Previously identified risk factors for carotid artery wall thickness.