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**IRB Project Number:** 0324-003  
**Approval Period:** 9/2/2007 - 9/1/2008  
**Study Sites:** Northwestern University, Other Universities

**Project Title:** Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA)

**Submission Accession Number:** 200706-0085

**Submission(s) Considered:** Periodic Review

**Status:** APPROVED

**Project Expiration:** 9/1/2008

On 8/20/2007 a member of the Institutional Review Board considered and approved your submission referenced above for a one year period ending 9/1/2008. IRB approval includes approval of the protocol and it is noted the study is closed to accrual.

- 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 <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,

Handwritten signature of Tasha Osafo in cursive.

Tasha Osafo, BA  
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