

## **Heart and Soul Publication Policy**

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- 1) The primary aims of the Heart and Soul study were:
  - a) to determine whether depressive symptoms are associated with an increased risk of coronary events.
  - b) to determine the mechanisms responsible for this association.
  
- 2) Any investigator (from outside or inside the Heart and Soul study) may submit an analysis proposal to use Heart and Soul data for ancillary studies or secondary data analysis projects (i.e., research questions that were not included in original Heart and Soul Study aims).
  
- 3) For ancillary and secondary data analysis studies, all co-authors must meet standard authorship criteria, including participation in the conception and design of the ancillary study as well as drafting or critical revision of the manuscript. Performing data collection or laboratory assays does not by itself warrant authorship.
  
- 4) Funding sources will be appropriately acknowledged in all publications, but providing funding for the study does not warrant authorship.
  
- 5) Results published in any Heart and Soul Study manuscript must be verified by the Heart and Soul Study data analyst/biostatistician before submission to a journal.
  
- 6) There will be no more than 6 co-authors on any ancillary study or secondary data analysis from the Heart and Soul study except when measurement of the primary predictor or outcome variable was done by investigators in a collaborating research laboratory using a non-commercial assay.
  
- 7) All studies using data from the Heart and Soul Study must include “Heart and Soul Study” in the title (unless specifically forbidden by the journal).