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M E M O

TO: David Jacobs

FROM: Henry Blackburn, M.D.

Dave, I felt that the MRFIT meeting and your contribution went very well in Miami. I hope you enjoyed your time with your family in Florida. I cancelled a rather important meeting for planning the ECG center in Houston. I simply hadn't the courage to get back on an airplane, with my back still hurting as bad as it is. A very good orthopedist here has recommended some injections but prefers, as do I, that they be performed by my doctor at home since they involve the spinal canal. I do seem to be continuing to make very slow progress and with the aid of minor medication can be upright at long as an hour with reasonable comfort and walk several hundred yards. I plan another few days of physio-therapy in this Spa, owned by a good friend and then a meeting in New Orleans and return on the weekend. I will call you beforehand to see how things are, if you have got your feet on the ground, back at work. I would be grateful, if you would take the initiative in calling Dr. Schnaper and because of your and Henry Taylor's familiarity with our own recruitment process, suggesting to him a rough outline of forms for reporting the recruitment experience in each MRFIT center. I am disappointed at the delay in the preparation of these materials for MRFIT and any suggestions we can give to Dr. Schnaper might accelerate this process. If you could actually commit him to an outline involving an introductory concept to the recruitment, the population chosen, methods of approach to the population, the response rates and the identification of characteristics related to response, appointment making and other administrative details and costs. It would certainly be well to take a day or two and go ahead and finish this off, to our own satisfaction.

pc: Dr. Taylor
Dr. Prineas

P.S. If you feel that this is a more appropriate function for Henry Taylor I hope you will decide with him on who should contact Hal Schnaper, but I feel that the delay now over three months, in preparing these materials is beginning to thwart to our general MRFIT purposes.

pc: Chuck Kaelber
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