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Dear Dr. Pribble:

This is in reply to your March 27th note about a protocol change in VPB exclusions from exercise. I will try not to sound too pedantic by "quoting the book."

It is not appropriate to change protocol in midstream, and thus to get a "mix" of subjects. I agree that the protocol is ambiguous, but this should be corrected - without making a change.

We occasionally have to suppress clinical "reasonableness" in the individual case for the sake of common procedure.

Incidentally, MRFIT adopted your LRC exclusion for "comparability." Would you have MRFIT change, too?

Cordially,

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