

March 11, 1974

MEMO

TO: Office Staff

FROM: H. Blackburn

RE: Reply to Women and Claimed Discrimination in MRFIT ,

*Women's*

"We agree with you. Because women have 5 times fewer heart attacks than men we would have to have a 5 times larger MRFIT study and 5 times more money to answer the questions about coronary problems. It's as simple as that.

But in our other and similar community projects on high blood pressure and cholesterol we have women between the ages of 10 and 69 (30-69 for hypertension and 10-59 for lipid). So we're not discriminating against women."

Thanks.