

February 11, 1974

Dr. Ernest Hammes  
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Dear Ernie:

Here is a first draft of a statement on the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial. Henry Blackburn and I are now considering it as an information statement directed to the practicing physicians in this area.

Do you think that it is easily understood? (It will be read hurriedly if published in the bulletin) is it too long? Do you think it should be published now or would you wait for a while? Do you have any advice on how to proceed? Henry Blackburn and I are looking forward to hearing your comments.

Sincerely yours,

Henry L. Taylor

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February 25, 1974

Dr. Henry L. Taylor  
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Dear Henry:

I have read over your first draft of a statement on The Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial which you so kindly mailed to me and about which you called me.

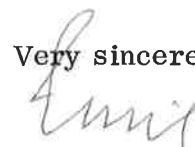
I think it is very readable even to my non-cardiologically oriented mind. However I do think it is far too long to be published in the County Society bulletin or even as a separate mailing to the physicians in the community, knowing from past experience that a letter of this length will probably not be read very carefully. On the other hand you will have to seek the cooperation of the physicians in the Twin Cities area. Whether this is best done by a much briefer separate mailing or whether it would be advisable for you or Henry Blackburn to request time to appear before the Executive Committee of each of the major metropolitan county medical societies is something for you to decide. I would think that it would be desirable to obtain the support of the physicians in the Twin City area prior to launching the trial.

As you know without my telling you there probably will be some opposition since there are those in practice in the area who view with a jaundiced eye any project coming out of the medical school.

I hope that these thoughts which represent solely my own personal views may be of some help in your immediate future plans. My very best wishes that the project will mature successfully and take another step in pushing back the frontiers of the unknown.

With kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,



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