

# TRIAL TO ASSESS CHELATION THERAPY

## INCLUSION

- Age  $\geq$  50 years old (if female, post-menopausal)
  - MI > 6 weeks ago with:
    - ↑ **cardiac markers** with at least one of:
      - Ischemic symptoms
      - Pathologic Q waves
      - ST-segment changes
- OR
- **Imaging evidence** of myocardial scar **and angiographic evidence** of epicardial coronary disease in same distribution
  - Able to give informed consent
- OR
- ◆ Ischemic sx's with residual EKG changes **AND** wall motion abnormalities on echo or nuclear scan.

## EXCLUSION

- Prior chelation within past 5 years
- History of allergic reaction to any component of chelation therapy solution or vitamins and minerals
- Coronary or carotid revascularization procedure within prior 6 months
- Any planned revascularization procedure
- Symptomatic or clinically evident heart failure
- Hospitalization for heart failure within prior 6 months
- Stage II HTN ( $>$  160/100 mm Hg)
- No venous access in upper extremities
- Inability to tolerate weekly fluid load of 500 cc
- Abnormal lab results including: Serum creatinine  $>$  2.0 mg/dL, platelet count  $<$  100,000/mm<sup>3</sup>, ALT/AST  $>$  2 X ULN
- History of liver disease or disease of copper, iron or calcium metabolism
- Cigarette smoking within prior 3 months
- Any condition that will affect study compliance, e.g., chronic non-compliance or an itinerant lifestyle
- Any severe non-coronary medical condition likely to affect survival within 4 years
- Women of childbearing potential, including those with plans for

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