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3. Timeline: Completed manuscript by October 1993.

- **4. Rationale:** Numerous studies have shown an association of low serum albumin and total mortality and/or cardiovascular disease. Data associating albumin with early Atherosclerosis are needed.
- **5. Main Hypothesis:** No association between serum albumin and intimal-medial thickness.
- **6. Data (variables, time window, source, inclusions/exclusions):** Visit 1 cross-sectional data. Dependent variable: prevalent CVD, diabetes, and carotid wall thickness. Independent variable: serum albumin. Covariates: major risk factors related to carotid wall thickness.