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| ***Appendix Table 1.*** Characteristics of individuals in ARIC at study entry who experienced a myocardial infarction (MI) and those who did not |
| **Characteristic** |  | **MI** | **No MI** |
|  | **n=1,448** | **n=12,860** |
|  | **n** | % | **n** | % |
| **Age (years)** | 40-49 | 265 | 18 | 3,604 | 28 |
| 50-59 | 740 | 51 | 6,467 | 50 |
| ≥60 | 443 | 31 | 2,789 | 22 |
| **Sex** | Male | 818 | 56 | 5,489 | 43 |
| Female | 630 | 44 | 7,371 | 57 |
| **Race**\* | Non-Black | 1,064 | 73 | 9,501 | 74 |
| Black | 384 | 27 | 3,359 | 26 |
| **Cigarette smoking**† | Never | 470 | 32 | 5,542 | 43 |
| Ever | 978 | 68 | 7,307 | 57 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| **Hypertension**‡ | No | 857 | 59 | 9,403 | 73 |
| Yes | 582 | 40 | 3,392 | 26 |
| Unknown | 9 | 1 | 65 | 1 |
| **Diabetes mellitus**§ | No | 1,144 | 79 | 11,676 | 91 |
| Yes | 294 | 20 | 1,070 | 8 |
| Unknown | 10 | 1 | 114 | 1 |
| **Elevated total cholesterol**|| | No | 950 | 66 | 9,643 | 75 |
| Yes | 481 | 33 | 3,009 | 23 |
| Unknown | 17 | 1 | 208 | 2 |
| ARIC: Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities\* Race was self-reported and categorized as black vs. non-black† An individual was classified as having ever or never smoked cigarettes based on patient-reported responses to validated questionnaire items‡ Hypertension was defined as diastolic blood pressure >95mmHg, systolic blood pressure <160mmHg, or self-report of current antihypertensive medication use§ Diabetes was defined as random glucose ≥200mg/dL, fasting glucose ≤140mg/dL, self-report of diabetes diagnosis or self-report of current diabetes medication use|| Elevated total cholesterol was defined as ≥240mg/dL |