## MODULE #9: 2-SAMPLE CONTINUOUS VARIABLE

**Part A:** For each of the following scenarios list the type of t-test that should be used (2-sample or paired)

- 1. Is global pathology score different for people who are younger than 85 when they die compared to people who are older than 85?
- 2. Is the mean years of education among males higher than females?
- 3. Does the number of major depressive episodes change before and after medical treatment in a group of 25 people with bipolar disorder?
- 4. Does BMI differ for people who exercise 2 or more times week compared to people who exercise less than 2 times per week?

Part B: Use the FHS dataset (frmgham2.csv) to complete the work below:

- 1. Read in the frmgham2.csv dataset
  - a. Create a new dataset (subset of the larger dataset) including only PERIOD=1
- 2. Let's compare ages between those with prevalent CHD and those without
  - a. Generate descriptive statistics (mean, sd, median, min, max, q1, q3) for age by PREVCHD diagnosis status. There are multiple ways to do this.
    - i. Try it by sub-setting the data

- ii. Try it by using a 'by' statement
  - Example: by(FHS1\$AGE, FHS1\$PREVCHD, summary)
  - Note: by(continuous, categorical, function)

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b.	Use a hypothesis test to see if there is a difference in average ages between those with prevalent CHD and those without? Be sure to: define your null and alternative hypotheses, state the test statistic, p-value, and state a final conclusion.
c.	Interpret your results – based on the spread of the data and the results of the ttest, is this difference in age meaningful?