VARIABLE DEFINITIONS FOR VARIABLES IN HERS STUDY

This is a longitudinal study of HIV in women. Attached are some variables from the 8th visit following baseline. You can use this data to estimate the causal effect of HAART on either CD4 count or viral load. One way to treat viral load is as a binary variable, where VL <= 50 is one category and VL > 50 is another one (this has to do with lower limits of detection).

Baseline corresponds to study enrollment, which is visit 1. Visits occur every 6 months.

id ID

basecd4 baseline CD4

basevl baseline viral load

cd4cnt CD4 at visit 8

symptom # HIV symptoms at visit 8

vl VL @ visit 8, where VL = 50 means VL < 50

haart 1 if on HAART last 6 months, 0 otherwise

haart\_1 same variables as above, but at visit 7

cd4ct\_1

vl\_1

prog\_1

symp\_1

awareyr years aware of HIV at baseline

race Race

site Site Number

iduever Ever an injection drug user

idu6enrl IDU last 6 mo at baseline

blart On ART at baseline (no HAART available)