Information Sheet

Study Title: An Assessment of the Variation in Surviving Cardiac Arrest
Principal Investigator: Kelly Sawyer, MD, MS
Location: William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan

Purpose:
You are being asked to be in a research study to assess the short or long term challenges survivors or their families face after discharge because you are a member of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation. This study is being conducted at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Study Procedures:
If you take part in the study, you will be asked to answer survey questions via an Internet-based, password protected survey.

- The questionnaire will collect information in order to describe the experiences and challenges that survivors and their family members face after surviving cardiac arrest. No personal identifiable information will be collected and it will not be possible to trace your answers back to you.
- The questionnaire will be administered online. The results will be collected into a database, to which only the investigators will have access.
- This is a single survey including questions related to your or your friend/family member's cardiac arrest. It should take no more than 30 minutes to complete. If you need assistance answering the questions or would prefer your family member or friend completes the survey, this is allowed.

Benefits:
As a participant in this research study, there will be no direct benefits for you. However, the results of this study will help us to identify gaps in treatment. It will also help influence future guidelines for post-arrest care.

Risks:
The only risk of this study is the rare risk of loss of confidentiality. We are very concerned about your privacy and will make every effort to maintain the security of your records.

Costs:
There will be no costs to you for participating in this research study.

Compensation:
You will not be paid for taking part in this study.

Confidentiality:
All information collected from you will be kept without any personal information. You will be identified in the research records by a code name or number. We will not ask for your name or any other personally identifiable information.

Voluntary Participation/Withdrawal:
Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to take part in this study; however, if you decide to take part, once you submit your answers, there is no way to withdraw it because there will be no way to trace your survey and answers back to you. Your decision will not change any present or future relationships with William Beaumont Hospital or its affiliates. If you are employed by William Beaumont Hospital or its affiliates, as an employee your participation is completely voluntary and will not impact your job in a positive or negative manner.

Questions:
If you have any questions about this study now or in the future, you may contact Kelly Sawyer, MD, or one of her research team at the following phone number 248-898-0189. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Human Investigation Committee at 248-551-0662.

Participation:
By completing the survey, you are agreeing to participate in the in this study.