



## Intro

# Cardiac Arrest Survival Rate and Determinant Factors in Rural Alaska – EMS Medical Director Survey

**Thank you for your interest in this study!**

## CONSENT FORM

### ***Who is conducting this survey and what is it about?***

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is conducting this survey with support from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Office of Emergency Medical Services. The purpose of the survey is to gain the following:

- Information about your service as an EMS Medical Director
- Your opinions regarding sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) reporting
- Your interest in participating in a future interview regarding SCA care in Alaska
- Contact information for an individual who can best respond to another (agency specific) survey that includes questions about SCA frequency, types of employees, and SCA reporting at each of the agencies you serve as EMS Medical Director

### ***What does this study involve?***

Participating in this study involves completing a 5-10 minute on-line survey which can be completed on a computer or any mobile device.

### ***What are the risks of taking part in this study?***

We foresee only minimal risks to participating in this study. With the exception of identifying

how many agencies you work for and their names, you can choose to not answer questions you do not wish to answer, or stop the survey without penalty.

***What are the benefits of taking part in this study?***

Completing this survey will not benefit you directly. You may find it satisfying to provide your perspectives about SCA reporting and care in Alaska.

***Will people know that I have participated in this survey?***

All of your answers will be kept confidential. Your name (as an Alaska-based EMS Medical Director) and the agencies you serve will be linked to your answers. This information will never be included in study reports. We will only report aggregate results.

***How will the survey information be used?***

The survey results will be used to:

- Share information at conferences and meetings
- Write grants to fund further research and intervention studies
- Write articles for public and peer-review journals, newsletters, and reports

***Will I receive anything if I participate in the survey?***

We are not able to offer you compensation for completing this survey.

***Do I have to take part in this study?***

NO. You do not have to do this survey. You may stop participating in the survey at any time.

***Has this study been approved?***

YES. This study has been approved by the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Institutional Review Board.

***What if I have questions about this survey?***

Please contact Dr. Ellen Lopez (University researcher) at:

- Office: 907-474-7318
- Email: edlopez@alaska.edu

***What if I have questions or concerns regarding my rights as a study participant?***

Please contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at:

- Email: uaf-irb@alaska.edu
- Phone: 907-474-7800
- Toll-Free: 1 (866) 876-7800
- Website: <http://www.uaf.edu/irb/report-concerns>

**If you are interested in participating in this study, please read the following statement very carefully. Then, if you would still like to participate, please indicate your consent by checking "Yes".**

***Statement of Consent:***

**I understand the procedures described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to participate in this study. I have been provided the opportunity to print a copy of this form at the following website:**

<http://www.montana.edu/aian/research/abstracts/lopez.html>

- Yes. I would like to complete this survey.** (Great! Click Yes and the Next arrow to start the survey).
- No. I would NOT like to complete this survey** (Thank you for your interest).