

Intermediate Public Announcement

Public Notification:

Researchers at the Medical College of Wisconsin are studying the best way to treat adults in cardiac arrest. This study began in March 2012 in Milwaukee County. Cardiac arrest means that a person's heart stops beating. This study will compare regular cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), which is when compressions (pushing on the chest to move blood) are stopped to give breaths, versus CPR using chest compressions that are not stopped when breaths are given. The goal of this research is to help more people live and decrease brain damage after cardiac arrest. Cardiac arrest is an emergency and the paramedics have to act quickly to treat a person. This means that there is no time to get permission. People with cardiac arrest are unconscious and cannot agree to join. In studies like this, a person's consent is not possible. This is called an exception from informed consent under emergency circumstances. This study meets the U.S. Food and Drug Administration guidelines for exception from informed consent under emergency circumstances. This means, if you do not want to be in the study, you must request that you not be included. For details on 1) the risks and benefits, 2) exception from informed consent under emergency circumstances, 3) a bracelet to wear that tells emergency services that you are not a party of the study, or 4) other aspects of the study please call Dr. Tom Aufderheide at (414) 805-6493, email at RRC@mcw.edu, or visit the web site at (www.mcw.edu/ROCCCC).