Parent Heart Watch®
PROTECTING YOUTH FROM SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

ASK THE GENETIC COUNSELOR

Sudden cardiac arrest or death in young people can be caused by an inherited or genetic condition. Genetic counselors are healthcare professionals trained to provide families information about potential genetic causes of sudden cardiac death and genetic testing. Parent Heart Watch is partnering with Informed Medical Decisions to bring you "Ask the Genetic Counselor." Here you can ask brief questions about the genetics of sudden death, the process of genetic counseling and genetic testing and find out if genetic counseling may make sense for you. A genetic counselor with expertise in cardiac genetics will provide a timely response. If you are seeking a more detailed consultation it is recommended that you schedule a genetic counseling appointment.

Submit A Question ParentHeartWatch@informeddna.com

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About InformedDNA Genetic Counselor, Heather MacLeod
Heather MacLeod is a board certified genetic counselor at Informed Medical Decisions (InformedDNA), the nation's largest independent provider network of genetics experts. Heather is the Cardiac Team Leader at InformedDNA. Heather earned a Masters in Genetic counseling from Northwestern University. In 2001 she became one of the first genetic counselors in the United States to specialize in cardiovascular disease when she worked at the University of Chicago coordinating a research study on inherited heart disease and providing genetic counseling at the cardiovascular genetics clinic. She then moved to Atlanta, where she created a pediatric cardiovascular genetic counseling service at Sibley Heart Center. After moving back to the Chicago area, Heather began developing the cardiac genetic counseling program for Informed Medical Decisions. She currently works for Informed Medical Decisions, decreasing barriers for families by providing cardiac genetic counseling services by phone. Heather is actively involved with projects through the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) and its Cardiac Special Interest Group, including developing guidelines for postmortem genetic testing and/or DNA banking for sudden cardiac death in the young. She also serves as a scientific advisor to the SADS (Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes) Foundation.