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Thank you for your previous commitment to The Muscatine Study! Your participation has allowed this study to be one of the longest running cardiovascular risk factor studies in the world. Because of you and many others from the Muscatine area (and now worldwide!) we were able to complete 6,422 health surveys from 11,376 eligible participants. Your participation truly makes this unique cardiovascular research possible.

We are writing to ask you to participate further by confirming/updating the contact information and health history that you provided in 2015. The reason for us to regularly update your contact information is so that we will be able to locate you when we obtain additional funding to conduct another research study. The reason to update your health history is so that we can continue to analyze the data obtained over the last 50 years from the Muscatine Study and to increase our understanding of how childhood cardiovascular risk factors are related to the development of heart and vascular disease in some adults. Approximately 1054 people will take part in this study at the University of Iowa.

If you agree to participate, please click on the link at the end of this email and complete the online survey. This includes updating any necessary contact information and completing the Heart Health Survey with recent events or procedures you might have experienced. If you have questions or want to answer the survey over the phone, please call our office at (563) 264-3886 or email us at cph-muscatinestudy@uiowa.edu. Completing the survey questions, will take about 5 minutes of your time.

Your contact information will be stored so you can be made aware of any possible future opportunities to participate in The Muscatine Study. The data collected in this research can be used other researchers without further consent, but with limited identifying information (birthdate and subject ID only).

By completing the survey, you will indicate your willingness to participate in the study. If you do not wish to participate, please contact us and let us know. We will continue to try to contact you for up to 3 months if we do not hear from you.

We will keep the information you provide confidential, however federal regulatory agencies and the University of Iowa Institutional Review Board (a committee that reviews and approves research studies) may inspect and copy records pertaining to this research. All data will be kept in password-protected electronic databases behind institutional firewalls. If we write a report about this study we will do so in such a way that you cannot be identified.

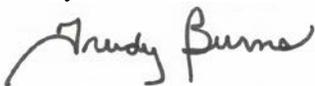
Taking part in this research study is completely voluntary. If you decide not to be in this study, or if you stop participating at any time, you won't be penalized or lose any benefits for which you otherwise qualify. You are free to skip any questions you do not want to answer.

In this study, there is a possible risk of loss of confidentiality, but we have taken many precautions to prevent this (locked offices, password protected computer files, and so on). The study results will only be reported in summary form, which will not allow identification of individual participants. You will not benefit from this study. However, we hope that others may benefit in the future from what we learn as a result of this study. You will not have any costs for being in this research study and you will not be paid for your participation.

If you have any questions about the research study itself or you experience a research-related injury, please contact Jeni Michelson, 319-335-6983. If you have questions about the rights of research subjects, please contact the Human Subjects Office, 105 Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, 600 Newton Rd, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1098, (319) 335-6564, or email irb@uiowa.edu. To offer input about your experiences as a research subject or to speak to someone other than the research staff, call the Human Subjects Office at the number above.

Heart disease continues to be a leading cause of death and disability in the United States and the world. We thank you for your help in providing valuable information about childhood risk factors for cardiovascular disease, and we hope you again will help us in this research study.

Sincerely,



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