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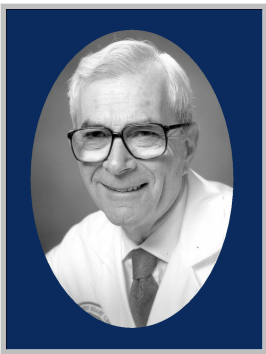
Your Financial Gifts Can Directly Support ARVD/C Research

Has ARVD/C touched your life or taken the life of someone you loved? Have you been looking for a tangible way to fight against this sudden death disease and its effects? There is a way. You can donate directly to ARVD/C research. When you support research with your tax-deductible* financial gifts, you are partnering with other private donors, as well as dedicated researchers in their battle against the effects of ARVD/C.



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Presently, ARVD/C is thought to affect about 1 in every 5000 people. It may be affecting far more, however, due to its somewhat hidden nature and a widespread lack of knowledge in how to recognize it, no one is quite sure. Unfortunately, ARVD/C often hides beneath the surface of otherwise young and very healthy looking people. Also unfortunately, it has taken the life of some of these young people before they could be diagnosed and treated to protect their lives. Dedicated researchers such as Dr. Frank I. Marcus have devoted their lives to changing this.



Dr. Marcus of the **University of Arizona, Sarver Heart Center** has spent nearly 30 years researching ARVD/C. His study of this disease began in the late 1970s. In 1982, he and Dr. Guy Fontaine co-authored and published the first cohesive document ever written about ARVD/C. Dr. Marcus has continued his concern for those with this disease. He has not only assisted many patients to diagnosis and treatment, but he has also studied, then authored and published some of the most significant documents ever written about ARVD/C.

In 2008, Dr. Marcus will work to produce several more major articles. These will hold the results of the:

- 2002-2007 NIH study "The Multidisciplinary Study of Right Ventricular Dysplasia"
- May 2007 "Task Force Criteria for Diagnosis of ARVD/C Modification Conference"

ARVD research goals at the University of Arizona include a continuation of:

- the North American Registry of ARVD for patients and their families
- working toward the determination of the genetic background of ARVD
- the development of a unique radiology software program that can detect the signs of ARVD
- offering patient support and information to physicians via telephone

Many people are not aware that research depends upon funding. They are also not aware of how difficult it can be to gain governmental funding, particularly for the study of a somewhat rare heart disease. Often it is private donors such as the Stoppelman family who originally founded <http://www.ARVD.org> that carry research over a period of time. You can join the Stoppelman family and other private donors in directly supporting ARVD/C research. You can be a part of the team that assures that research goals are not inhibited or delayed due to a lack of funding.

For more information about the ongoing ARVD research at the University of Arizona (UA), please contact Kathy Gear at (520) 626-6262. For more information on making a gift to the UA for ARVD research please contact the Sarver Heart Center Development Office at (800) 665-2328.

Where and how to designate your gift for the benefit of ARVD Research at UA:

Check, money order or cashier checks can be made payable to: University of Arizona Foundation, Sarver Heart Center. Please write "ARVD Research" in the memo section of your check.

Should you wish to make a gift via credit card, please contact us at (520) 626-6262. Additionally, should you wish to gift stocks, real estate or other appreciated securities, we can be contacted at the aforementioned phone number.

Please mail your gift to:

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Your Gift to Research is Very Much Appreciated

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