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Diving Fatality Report Release**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES**

I, (first name, last name): \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize the use and disclosure to Dr. Doug Ebersole of identifiable health information as described below, for the purpose of the study *Prospective Observational Study of Decompression Sickness in Scuba Divers with Patent Foramen Ovale*. By signing this authorization, I understand that any health information that is disclosed to the receiving organization identified below will not be protected from further disclosure by the Privacy Rule. However, the receiving organization will disclose or use my information only as described below under "Use of Disclosed Information." I understand that this authorization is voluntary.

**Persons/organizations providing the information:**

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**Organization receiving the information:**

Watson Clinic Center for Research, Inc.  
Attn: Research Study Coordinator  
1600 Lakeland Hills Boulevard  
Lakeland, FL 33805

**Specific description of information (including date(s)):** medical record of PFO diagnosis, PFO closure, decompression sickness evaluation and treatment, and adverse events related to PFO closure.

**Use of Disclosed Information.** The protected health information will be used by study team solely to investigate risk/benefit of diving with PFO closure and for no other purposes. The receiving organization will not disclose the protected health information to any party other than those employees, representatives and agents of DAN who have a need to know such information to conduct such research.

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Study Title: **Prospective Observational Study of Decompression Sickness in Scuba Divers with Patent Foramen Ovale**

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