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Dear Dr. Kirklin:

This letter extends the Confidentiality Certificate **NHLBI 07-07 (Extension 01-11)**, protecting the identity of research subjects in your project entitled "**Interagency Registry for Mechanically Assisted Circulatory Support (INTERMACS)**." The new expiration date of this study is November 30, 2015. Please attach this extension to the original Certificate.

If you determine that the research project will not be completed by November 31, 2015, you must submit a written request for an extension of the Certificate three months prior to the expiration date. Any such request must include the justification for the extension, documentation of the most recent Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, and the expected date for completion of the research project.

Please advise Ms. Donna Jones, Certificate of Confidentiality Coordinator, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), of any situation in which the Certificate is employed to resist disclosure of information in legal proceedings. Should attorneys for the project wish to discuss the use of the Certificate, they may contact the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of General Counsel at 301-496-4801.

All correspondence should be sent to Ms. Jones, NIH/NHLBI, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Suite 8018J, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, phone number 301-594-4734 and fax number 301-480-2858.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan B. Shurin".

Susan B. Shurin, M.D.
Acting Director