
Cardiac on Campus

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EKG Screening Drive 2022

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Memorial Union, University of Wisconsin - Madison

ABOUT US

Cardiac on Campus is a federally-recognized nonprofit and registered student organization at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We advocate for cardiovascular health and awareness, especially amongst university students. Our organization was founded in 2016 after 20-year-old UW-Oshkosh student, Jon Derynda, went into sudden cardiac arrest and passed away. His sister, Brittany Derynda, and cousin, Jessica Miller, who were both UW-Madison students, started the organization in his memory.

Until now, our two main initiatives have included the placement of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) and CPR training. Due to UW-Madison not legally requiring AEDs in all campus buildings, we have raised funds for their placement and since our founding, have placed nine AEDs in campus buildings and plan to place another two this spring. Our CPR instructors are trained and certified through the American Heart Association (AHA), and all participants receive their CPR certification through the AHA, as well. Our organization's goals include preventing sudden cardiac death, creating a healthy & safe community, and promoting health accessibility for all.

WHY EKGs?

We will be screening for underlying heart conditions using electrocardiograms (EKGs). While the American Heart Association recommends a standardized checklist to screen for an underlying heart condition, various sources have supported supplemental screening techniques. While the value of EKG screening in a young, healthy population has previously not been viewed favorably, there have since been technological advancements in EKG machines and a commitment to EKG interpretation by pediatric cardiologists.

Additionally, Governor Tony Evers signed [2021 Assembly Bill 82](#) (the Kai 11 Bill) into law on 29 March 2022, which "requires the Department of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, to develop information, including an information sheet that may be distributed to participants, about the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest in youth athletic activities". This information sheet must be signed by the child's parent/guardian and returned to their coach. The sheet also must include information about the benefits of EKGs and requesting one from your primary doctor. This bill is backed by Dr. Ellen Wald, the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at UW Health. As such, Cardiac on Campus believes that EKG screening is in line with our mission of preventing sudden cardiac death.

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OUR EVENT

Cardiac on Campus' first annual EKG screening drive will take place on April 23, 2022 in partnership with Who We Play For, Inc. Who We Play For is a Florida-based organization that specializes in affordable EKGs for students of all ages. Our shared mission makes them a natural choice to work with. You can find information about their previous work and their Medical Advisory Team at www.whoweplayfor.org/about.

Participants are required to sign a Consent & Liability waiver and fill out a thorough health history form. Both of these documents were created by Who We Play For and have been adapted to suit both Cardiac on Campus and Who We Play For's needs. We will have two spaces that are separated by sex to ensure comfort and privacy. Volunteers will then administer the EKG and record the data.

BENEFITS OF GETTING SCREENED

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death on college campuses. Over 90% of people that experience SCA pass away. By getting a routine EKG screening, you will be checking for any undetected, potentially life-threatening heart conditions that you may have. At your physician's office or in the emergency room, EKGs cost hundreds of dollars. Cardiac on Campus is increasing accessibility to these scans by covering 100% of the costs, ensuring that you have the tools you need to live your healthiest life.