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Conventional Ventilation or
ECMO for
Severe
Adult
Respiratory Failure

Dear Relative

We know that the doctor looking after your relative has talked to you about the CESAR study. A team of doctors at Glenfield Hospital, Leicester is running the study. I am attaching the **Introductory Information** about CESAR with this letter. This gives you written information now so that you have some time to think about allowing your relative to take part in this study before being asked to make a decision. Please feel free to discuss this study with members of your family or someone else. You may wish to ask for time alone with the nurse who is looking after your relative to discuss what it means if you agree for your relative to take part.

We are not asking for your decision now. However if you do **not** want to include your relative in the study please tell the nurse or doctor looking after your relative, now or at any time later. They will immediately inform the doctor and nurse from our transport team at Leicester. Your relative will **not** be moved and will still get the best possible conventional ventilator care in the Intensive Care Unit.

If you are **undecided** then you will be able to discuss the study with the doctor and nurse who are coming from Leicester. They will answer your questions and give you further written information. They will also give you time alone or with your relative's nurse before making your decision.

If you decide **not** to include your relative in the study, your relative will still get the best possible conventional ventilator care in the hospital where your relative is now.

If you **do** decide to include your relative in the study, your relative will be transferred to a specialised centre to have either conventional ventilation or ECMO.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Peek'.

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