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**HOW TO MAKE A BEQUEST TO IAMAT**

***Note:*** *the information contained in this document is general in nature and does not constitute legal advice. If you are considering including a provision for a donation to IAMAT or any other charity in your will, we encourage you to work with your lawyer in writing or revising your will to ensure that it accurately reflects your intentions as well as the prevailing law in your jurisdiction.*

Supporting our work by making a bequest is easy – in general, all you need to do is include a clause in your will naming us as a beneficiary and stating the amount you would like to donate. There are, however, some things you need to watch for:

1. Ensure you use the name under which we are registered with the federal government: **Foundation for the Support of International Medical Training (Canada)** or **Foundation for the Support of International Medical Training (US)**. IAMAT, which is how you probably know us, is a division of the Foundation, but it isn’t a registered charity on its own and cannot issue donation receipts in its own name. Getting the name right also removes any potential confusion about your intention to make the donation to us, and not another organization with a similar name.
2. It may also help to lessen confusion if you include our address, current as of the date you drafted your will: at present, this is **2800 14th Avenue, Suite 210, Markham, ON L3R 0E4** or **2430 Military Road, #279, Niagara Falls, NY 14304**.
3. Be specific about the amount of your bequest. It may be easiest to state this as a simple dollar amount to be paid in cash. Other alternatives are identifying a portion of your estate (e.g., five percent or one-twentieth part) or a specific piece of real or personal property. The advantage of a cash bequest is that it can be available fairly quickly, may not require liquidating other assets, and is easier to value - $10,000 cash is worth $10,000, but a painting or shares of stock may fluctuate in value and, in the case of shares of a family company, can be extremely difficult to value.
4. Ideally, do not place any restrictions on the use of your bequest. Programs may change over time, as may the countries in which we are active. If you specify a program that has been discontinued or a country where we no longer have a relationship, you will present the trustees of your estate with a problem.
5. If you make a major change in your life (such as marriage or remarriage) after you make a will, this may invalidate that will and all its bequests. In that case, be sure to discuss with your lawyer whether you need to draft a new will.
6. Finally, ensure your entire will complies with the legal requirements in your jurisdiction.

While we strongly recommend retaining a lawyer to draft your will, we know some people may prefer to prepare their own. In that case, if you’re in Canada, a sample clause you may want to use could be:

“I direct my Trustee(s) to pay the sum of (amount in words) dollars ($amount in numbers) to the Foundation for the Support of International Medical Training (Canada), currently located at 2800 14th Avenue, Suite 210, Markham, Ontario, L3R 0E4, for its general purposes. The receipt of an appropriate officer of the Foundation for the Support of International Medical Training (Canada) shall be a sufficient discharge of my Trustee(s).”

Again, **this does not constitute legal advice – only a lawyer who is familiar with your circumstances and intentions, and the law in your jurisdiction, can provide that**.