**Setting:** Emergency Department

**Patient Information**

**Name:** Frank Sumner

**Gender**: M

**Age**: 72

**Reason for visit:** Cardiac arrest

**Medical Profile**: Active 72-year-old male, with no significant history other than hypertension, collapsed while playing golf this morning. He had complained of numbness in extremities the previous day.

**Survivor Present**: Sibling with whom he was playing golf; accompanied patient to hospital via ambulance.

**Background**: Sibling was with Frank this morning. They had been playing golf for less than one hour when the patient collapsed in the golf cart. The survivor called 911 immediately, as Frank was not answering his questions. The sibling has been waiting in the private waiting area for about 15 minutes and has not had a recent update.

**Patient's Present Condition**:

The sibling of Frank Sumner followed the ambulance in their private vehicle to the hospital. The patient (Frank) collapsed and has since died from what appears to be a massive stroke.

Upon arrival by EMS, the patient was unresponsive and was experiencing an active seizure. After the seizure resolved, it was noted that the eyes were deviated to the L, and the patient responded to deep painful stimuli with decerebrate posturing.

En route to the hospital, the patient became bradycardic and atropine 0.5 mg was administered. The patient did not respond, and he was noted to have seizure-like activity and become totally apneic then asystolic. ACLS algorithm for asystole was followed and the patient delivered to the ED in Full Arrest. The code was continued in the ED without success. The patient was pronounced dead 15 minutes after arrival in the ED.

**Task to be completed:**

1. You have 15 minutes to inform the sibling of Frank’s death and answer any questions he/she may have.