Appendix A: Survey Questions Caregiver information

What is your relationship to the patient? (Open)

Age? (Numeric)

Gender? (M/F)

How many hours of care did you give during the ICU stay (average per week)? (Numeric) Indicate work status: (1 - 8)

1. Self-employed

2. Employed

3. Retired

4. Unemployed

5. Paid Leave

6. Unpaid Leave

7. Other

8. Don’t Know

What is your profession? (Open)

How many hours do you work per week? (Numeric)

How many hours per week did you miss to provide care? (Numeric)

If you missed work, were you compensated for the time missed? (Y/N)

These questions were completed by the person designated as the primary caregiver. Caregiver information on all people determined to be caregivers was collected.

Part 2: Out-of-Pocket Costs to Caregivers during the ICU Stay

Did the caregivers listed in Part 1 have any out-of-pocket costs *because the patient was seriously ill in the ICU?* Some examples of out-of-pocket costs are: travel/flights, gas, meals, and parking.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date of expense | Describe Expense | Reason for Expense | Total Out-of-Pocket Cost ($) |
| January 1st, 2009 | Parking | Visit patient in hospital | $12.50 |
|  |  |  | $ |
|  |  |  | $ |
|  |  |  | $ |

**Appendix Table A. Comparison of Responding patients to Non-Responding and Non-Selected Patients by Sex and Age**

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|  | n | Mean Age | % Male |
| Given Survey | 264 | 84.57 | 56.06% |
| Given Survey and Responded | 164 | 84.45 | 54.27% |
| Enrolled in R80, no survey | 347 | 84.32 | 54.47% |
| Total ICU, no survey | 1405 | 84.49 | 54.53% |

Appendix B: Response Bias

In order to assess the likelihood of response bias in the sample, respondents were compared to non-respondents. Survey respondents were similar in age and sex distribution as compared to non-respondents (Table A). Furthermore, as the survey used in this study was not distributed to all of the patients in REALISTIC 80, the survey respondents were compared to all of the patients in the REALISTIC 80 study and all of the patients admitted to ICUs at the REALISTIC 80 sites (including non-participants). This was done to determine whether the surveyed sample of the patients was representative of the total ICU population in terms of age. The patients who completed the survey were not significantly different in age or sex distribution from the patients in the study who did not complete the survey.

[Table A]