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DONOR INFORMATION PACKET

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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING BODY DONATION

We commend you for your benevolent attitude in considering body donation. Through donating your body, you will make a significant contribution to medical science by enabling health care professionals to gain a better understanding of the normal and diseased states of the human body. The response in our State has been most gratifying. However, the number of donations will need to increase as research and educational programs in the medical field continue to expand. We are most grateful for your willingness to consider the donation of your body. The procedure for donating one's body is quite simple.

The donor or the surviving relatives must make arrangements with a local funeral home, crematory or mortuary and pay for:

- 1) Preliminary embalming and paperwork.
- 2) Transportation of the body to the Anatomical Board at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

The Anatomical Board receives no financial support from the State and regrets the necessity of requiring that you pay for the above services.

Bodies cannot be accepted for donation if:

- 1) The individual is obese. (See guide)
- 2) An autopsy has been performed
- 3) Death was caused by a crushing injury
- 4) The individual has a highly contagious disease (such as Hepatitis, AIDS, CJD)

GUIDE: Donor Height/Weight Restrictions	
Height	Weight
5'0 and Under	Up to 150lbs
5'1 to 5'5	Up to 180lbs
5'6 to 6'	Up to 200lbs
6'1" and Over	Please Call Us

There is no age limit on donated bodies. It is important for the family to recognize that the Anatomical Board cannot issue reports regarding the cause of death or any findings. If a family wishes to receive such information, they should have an autopsy performed by a qualified pathologist.

If you agree to the above conditions, please sign TWO copies of the dedication forms. You should keep one for your personal records and return one to our Gainesville Office. You DO NOT need to notarize the forms.

Thank you for your interest in our donation program.



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INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS INTERESTED IN DONATING THEIR BODIES

Two copies of the dedication form should be signed in the presence of two witnesses. Since properly completed dedication forms have legal status, a formal will is not required.

One original dedication form should be forwarded to the Anatomical Board of the State of Florida, University of Florida College of Medicine, P.O. Box 100235, Gainesville, FL 32610-0235. The other copy should be retained by the donor and placed in his or her personal files.

Copies of the "Instructions to Survivors." should be given to relatives, close friends, or whoever oversees final arrangements. In this way, those concerned will know of the donor's wishes and will be in a better position to carry them out.

Although not essential, it will save your relatives the necessity of doing so if you arrange it with a funeral director in your vicinity. The funeral home director should be informed of your plan to dedicate your body for scientific purposes and instructed as to what his responsibilities will be (see Instructions to Survivors).

The Anatomical Board is not able to remove and store tissues for eye banks or other agencies which collect tissues from recently deceased persons for transplantation to living persons. If you are interested in such procedures, you should discuss the possibilities with your physician. However, the Board will accept bodies from which such tissues have been removed.

Ordinarily after being used in medical research and education, the body will be cremated pursuant to Florida Statutes 497.005. If the survivors wish to receive the ashes after cremation, a written request should be filed with the Dedication Form or when the body is transported to the Anatomical Board. If no request has been received, the Anatomical Board will take responsibility for disposing of the cremains by spreading them over the waters off the Florida coast.

If cremation is not desired, the Anatomical Board should be notified at the time of transportation. The body can be turned over to a funeral home for such a burial as the family may specify. Burial at a funeral home will be at the expense of the family.

If you have questions about the above procedures, please contact our office at the above address or by telephoning our number, 352-392-3588. Our answering service will answer calls after hours and can reach our staff if needed.



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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SURVIVORS OF BODY DONORS

As soon as possible after death, the body should be transferred to a funeral home of the family's choice. We can help you locate a funeral home. Please call us for assistance.

The funeral home should be asked to embalm the body by arterial route only. Special embalming procedures will be carried out when the body reaches the Anatomical Board of the State of Florida in Gainesville.

The funeral home director should be told of the deceased's wishes to have his or her body available for medical research and education/Anatomical Board of Florida. Most, if not all, of the funeral home directors should be familiar with our procedures and what protocols they need to follow. They may call us for assistance.

The cost of the preliminary embalming and transportation to Gainesville will be borne by the family or estate of the deceased. Charges for these services are determined by the individual funeral homes. The Anatomical Board has no jurisdiction in this matter. You may wish to discuss arrangements with more than one funeral director. Bodies delivered to the Anatomical Board should not be in a casket.

Bodies of persons dying from crushing injuries or certain highly communicable diseases (such as AIDS, Hepatitis, CJD) cannot be accepted by the Anatomical Board. Autopsied bodies or those with obesity also cannot be accepted. It is important for the family to recognize that the Anatomical Board cannot give any reports to them regarding the cause of death or any findings. If a family wishes to receive such information, they should have an autopsy performed by a qualified pathologist.

After being used for medical education and research purposes, the body will ordinarily be cremated pursuant to Florida Statutes 497.005. The ashes are available to the family or friends if requested in writing when the body is transported to the Anatomical Board. Medical education and research take approximately two years to be completed. At that time, next of kin are notified of the availability of the cremains if there was a previous request for their return. If no request has been received, the Anatomical Board will take responsibility for disposing of the cremains by spreading them over the waters off the Florida Coast.

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**ANATOMICAL BOARD OF THE
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DEDICATION FORM

(PRINT LEGIBLY)

I, _____, the undersigned, desire that my body, at the time of death, be given to the Anatomical Board of the State of Florida for use in medical research and education. It is understood that the Anatomical Board of the State of Florida can accept my body only if I become deceased within the geographical limits of the State of Florida or if agencies or individuals other than the Anatomical Board assume responsibility for returning my body to the State of Florida.

It is also understood that this is a legal document in that it is a statement of my wish and intention to dedicate my body for medical use, as provided in Chapter 406.50 through 406.61 and Chapter 765.510 through 765.514, Florida Statutes. In order that this wish be promptly and effectively carried out after my death, I accept responsibility for obtaining the consent of all my relatives or close friends likely to have any concern about the final disposition of my body. I understand my ashes, if requested to be returned, may not include all remains.

There is a small possibility that an individual's body may be utilized for research or medical education outside of the State of Florida. Please strike out the appropriate words in the statement below to indicate your approval or disapproval for use outside of Florida. Also please place your initials at the end of the statement.

I (do) (do not) object to the utilization of my body for medical research and education in an approved institution outside the State of Florida. _____ (initial)

Date of Birth: _____
Driver License #: _____

 Address (PRINT LEGIBLY)

 City State Zip Code

Signed in the presence of these witnesses on this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Witness 1:

 Signature

 Address (PRINT LEGIBLY)

 City State Zip Code

Witness 2:

 Signature

 Address (PRINT LEGIBLY)

 City State Zip Code

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 University of Miami
 Miller School of Medicine
 Office of Medical Education
 P.O. Box 016960 (R-160)
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