

ANATOMICAL DONOR PROGRAM

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE DONATION PROGRAM

The Anatomical Donor Program at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM), provides anatomical material that is essential for the pursuit of new medical knowledge. Most of the donors are used for teaching anatomy to medical students, resident physicians, and students in other health professions such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistants, athletic training and nurse anesthesia. Other donors are used for biomedical research and advanced training of physicians and surgeons. In addition to providing anatomical material to educational programs at the University of New England, the Anatomical Donor Program also provides material to other universities and colleges in the New England area that have medical and allied health programs, including Northeastern University, Boston University, and Husson College.

RESPECT AND GRATITUDE

Family may derive comfort from knowing that the respect and dignity for those who have donated is maintained at all times. The generous contribution that participants in the Anatomical Donor Program have made is fully recognized and appreciated. The anatomy facilities are restricted areas and only medical students, health profession students, physicians, faculty and staff are authorized to access the laboratories. Confidentiality and anonymity of the donors is a high priority and is maintained at all times.

HOW TO COMPLETE FORMS

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program and the information contained in this instruction sheet; particularly the information in the sections **When Death Occurs** and **Disposition Form**.

Upon entering a hospital, request that a copy of your Anatomical Donation Form or a copy of your Donor Wallet Card be attached to your medical chart. Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed forms or the Anatomical Donor Program, please do not hesitate to call the Anatomical Donor Program at the University of New England (207-602-2202).

Your Donor form will remain on file until your death. There is **NO NEED** to renew your card. Please update changes of address with our office. If you wish to cancel the donation in the future, please contact us in writing and we will remove your file from our records. We will **NOT** take a cancellation request over the phone.

EXCLUSIONS

Under the terms of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act of 1969, the Anatomical Donor Program at the University of New England has the right to accept or to reject a body dependent upon the acceptability of the body for the purposes intended. Examples of body rejection would include but not be limited to:

Bodies that have been autopsied or mutilated

