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Hours:

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Anatomical Gift Program

About Donating Your Body to Medical Education and Research

Anatomical donations are an indispensable aid in medical teaching. Human anatomy is the basis of all medical knowledge and can be learned only by studying the human body. Without this study, there would be no physicians or surgeons.

Donations help teach medical and physical therapy students and residents, assist in the continuing education program for surgeons, and aid in studying new operative techniques.

The process is simple. Complete and return a donation form, which requires only the donor's social security number and date of birth and two witnesses' signatures.

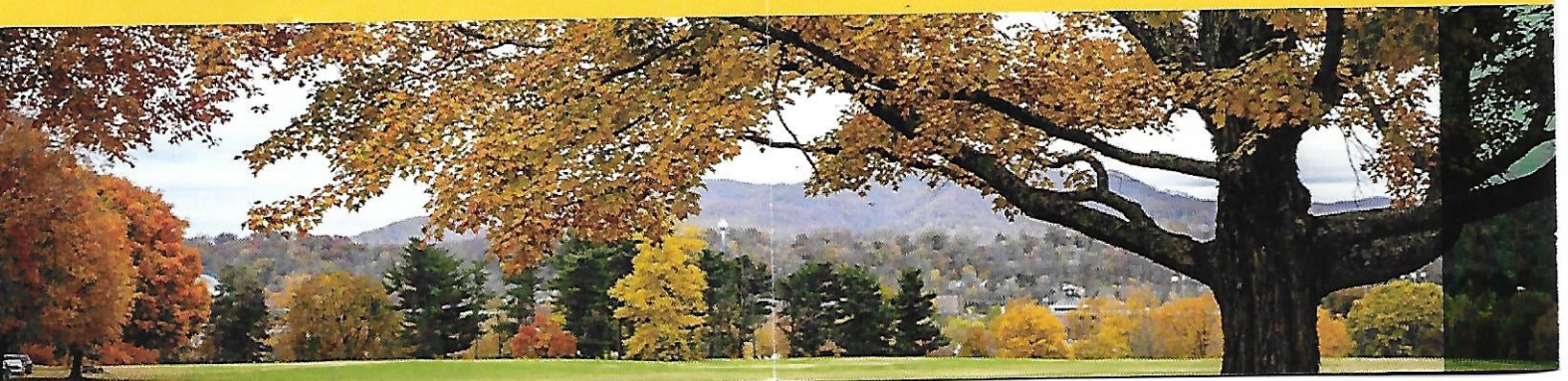
The need for anatomical donations is great and will increase with the demand for more physicians, dentists, nurses and healthcare providers.

We are unable to accept anatomical donations:

- if we do not receive the body within five hours of death.
- when tissues have been damaged (for example, a serious automobile accident).
- after an autopsy or incorrect embalming.
- following organ donation.
- if weight exceeds 230 pounds.
- if the donor has or dies of a contagious disease (e.g., HIV/AIDS; MRSA; VRE; staph; hepatitis A, B, or C; C. diff; syphilis; stage 3 or above decubitus ulcer).

Determining acceptability can only occur at the time of death.

Pre-arrangement does not guarantee acceptance. To avoid undue grief and disappointment, family should be made aware of these conditions and have an alternate plan.



Answers to Your Questions

Is anatomical donation normal and acceptable?

Yes. Healthcare providers, civic leaders and others recommend it.

Are there religious objections?

Religious leaders approve and encourage the practice. All donations are treated with dignity and respect and are always handled with the highest degree of professionalism.

Can a donation take place against the wishes of the spouse or next-of-kin?

Under the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, your wishes take legal precedence. However, Quillen College of Medicine will not accept a body when there is an objection or dissension among family members who are legally responsible for final disposition. We advise notifying everyone concerned of your intention to donate your body.

What is the purpose of pre-arranged donation?

Pre-arrangement relieves the next-of-kin from making this decision while grieving. Your pre-arranged donation protects the Quillen College of Medicine and your survivors, and simplifies the procedure at the time of death. Quillen will not accept anatomical donations without prior arrangements.

Must a person be of legal age to sign a donation form?

Yes.

May I alter or revoke my donation if I change my mind?

Yes, at any time by writing to the Anatomical Gift Program.

Will I or my family be paid for my body?

No. The law prohibits medical schools from purchasing bodies.

Are bodies acceptable if the eyes are donated elsewhere?

Usually not. The procedure makes it unlikely that we could obtain the body within the time required.

How long does the scientific study require?

Typically, 1 to 3 years pass between the body's arrival and the study's completion.

Must I be a Tennessee resident? Persons residing outside the state, but within 30 miles of Johnson City, may donate. Those outside of the 30-mile radius should contact medical schools within their state concerning donation.

What if my death occurs away from home?

We provide an identification card and necklace with instructions that should remain in your possession. However, should a donor die while traveling outside a 30-mile radius of the University, the family should contact the nearest medical school, as transportation costs and time limitations preclude a timely delivery to Quillen.

Your Questions Continued...

What if I move to another state?

If the distance precludes a timely delivery, a substitute arrangement with a medical school near your home may be required. Please call our office to discuss this situation, if necessary.

I live alone; who is to notify you when I pass away?

Those who live alone should have a family member, friend or neighbor check on them at least once daily. Because of time constraints, we may be unable to accept the body if we cannot determine time of death.

Should I notify the program if I change my address?

Yes. We occasionally mail updated information about the program. Providing your new address will ensure you receive new information concerning the program. If you move outside of the immediate area or state, please arrange to donate your body to the nearest medical school, and let us know to remove your name from our donor list.

May a traditional funeral service be held prior to transferring the body to Quillen?

No, due to time constraints on embalming. We recommend a memorial service without the body present.

May I select which funeral home handles delivery and embalming?

No. Quillen has a state contract with a funeral home for transportation and the

required embalming procedures, which differ from normal embalming requirements. If a donor's family utilizes another funeral home, the family is responsible for charges incurred, and Quillen cannot accept the body.

How will the death certificate be handled?

Certified copies of the death certificate may be obtained from the health department in the county where the death occurred. Our contracted funeral home will provide the next-of-kin an application.

What happens when the scientific study concludes?

The program pays to cremate each donor individually. Burial of the ashes would be the surviving relatives'/executor's expense. Without such a request, ashes are interred at no cost to the family in a cemetery plot owned by the Quillen College of Medicine.

Will my family receive a report with the studies' results?

No. Studies do not include a pathological investigation that could result in a report.

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