

Use of Human Gross Anatomy Laboratories

Dissection of the human body during your professional training is a great privilege made possible by generous donors who will their bodies to a Willed Body Program. These donors have given permission for their bodies to be used for the training of future doctors/licensed health professionals with the expectation that each of you will preserve their personal dignity and privacy and will protect the emotions of their living relatives. Their expectations require that the sanctity of the relationship between physician and patient be extended to include the relationship between the student and the cadaver. These standards of professional conduct regarding a patient's dignity, privacy, and respect must be maintained toward the cadaver and the living relatives.

Rules and Regulations: To comply with the State Anatomical Board of Texas statutes and laws, according to Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Part 4; and the expectations of our donors and their families, TTUHSC requires that you observe the following rules and regulations when present in the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratory:

Respect and Dignity: All activities related to the dissection of a cadaver shall be conducted with respect and dignity.

No Visitors: All areas used for receipt and preparation, storage, or dissection of human bodies must be un-accessible and inadmissible to the general public and all unauthorized persons. Only students currently enrolled in classes in which dissection constitutes part of their curriculum; faculty, whose educational responsibilities include the teaching of Gross Anatomy. **DO NOT BRING GUESTS INTO THE LAB AT ANYTIME FOR ANY REASON.** If you

discover an unauthorized person in the lab, please report their presence to the responsible faculty staff members.

Confidentiality: The confidentiality of the donors must be protected to the same extent as if you were a doctor and the cadaver was a patient. Specifically, students shall not disclose the name of any donor or any other personally identifiable information concerning any donor, i.e. identifying marks, scars, tattoos, etc.

Cameras/Cell Phones or any digital recording devices: **THE UNAUTHORIZED REPRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION OR DOWNLOADING OF ANY CADAVERIC MATERIAL, DISSECTION VIDEOS AND/OR GROSS ANATOMY LAB CONTENTS IS PROHIBITED.** NO photographs or videos shall be made in the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratory, unless approved in writing, in advance, by the TTUHSC Willed Body Program Director.

Lab Attire: Proper lab attire including gloves and closed toe shoes must be worn while in the lab.

Disposal of Human Tissue: Texas Law prohibits the removal of human tissue (soft tissue or bones) from the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratory. Human tissue must be discarded in the specified containers.

Cleanliness: Students must keep their dissecting area clean and neat. **NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES PERMITTED** in the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratory. As with the rest of the campus, smoking is prohibited in the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratory.

Disciplinary and Criminal Consequences: Any violation of your legal duties or the rules and regulations, could result, but not limited to, the following: a failing grade and/or your immediate removal from the Anatomy Course. You may also be subject to further disciplinary action including dismissal or suspension from TTUHSC. Texas Penal Code Section 42.08 prohibits abuse of a corpse, including any violation of the Texas Administrative Code. TTUHSC is required to report incidents that may involve abuse of a corpse, and the person(s) involved may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Acknowledgement of Risk and Waiver: By signing this form, you here by acknowledge that although TTUHSC has made reasonable effort to ensure you safety, certain risks are unavoidable in the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratory. For example, you may slip and fall on the floor; you may faint or have other emotional reactions from observing or dissecting the cadavers or specimens. In addition you could be lacerated by a scalpel or other instruments used for dissection, or you may have an allergic reaction or other reaction to the chemicals used in the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratory some of which are known carcinogens. Individuals, who are pregnant/planning to become pregnant, or immunosuppressed, etc. should seek medical clearance and consult your course director before participating in Gross Human Anatomy Lab sessions. You hereby release TTUHSC, the Texas Tech University System, its regents, officers, agents, and employees from any liability to you, your personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to my property and for any and all illnesses or injuries that may result from or occur during your participation in the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratory sessions, including any claims purportedly arising from any alleged negligence of TTUHSC, the Texas Tech University System, regents, officers, agents, or employees.

I, the below named Participant, am 18 years or age or older and have read and understood the above forgoing rules of the Human Gross Anatomy Laboratories, and I have had the opportunity to ask questions and obtain clarification of any rule or regulation that I do not understand. **IN ADDITION, I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT TO BE A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR MY INJURY OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY THAT OCCURS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN HUMAN GROSS ANATOMY LAB SESSIONS.** In consideration of my participation in such sessions, I hereby accept all risks to my health and of any injury that may result from such participation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (Print): _____

Student ID/R# _____