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School of Medicine

Center for Experiential & Applied Learning/Whole Body Donation
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REQUESTED MATERIALS FOR BODY DONATION

Thank you so much for your interest and for your intended support of medical education through whole body donation at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

The enclosed documents outline the steps for healthcare providers, family members and funeral directors to follow a prospective donor's wish to donate at the time of death.

There is no requirement to submit any paperwork directly to our program prior to the occurrence of death.

If your contact regards a prior application for pre-registry, we very much appreciate the commitment to make a positive difference in healthcare. Our process for pre-registry has updated to align with changes in state regulations.

The materials in this packet outline the process for donation. To best prepare healthcare providers and/or next of kin to proceed at the occurrence of death, you may provide them with copies of these materials.

Every potential donor who meets current criteria at the time of contact will be accepted for donation, with authorized signature from legal next of kin. Every contact will require assessment with healthcare personnel regardless of the status of prior pre-registry.

Program staff is available twenty-four hours a day for contact to assess a potential donation. The enclosed checklist includes information to reach our on-call staff around the clock, every day of the year.

Our printed packet includes a wallet card that will provide immediate direction for healthcare providers and/or next of kin to follow a prospective donor's wishes at the occurrence of death. To request a printed packet, please contact our program office at 336-716-4369 or bodydonation@wakehealth.edu.

We very much appreciate the generosity in your efforts toward better outcomes in healthcare.

With sincere gratitude,

Whole Body Donation Program
Center for Experiential and Applied Learning
Wake Forest University School of Medicine



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PROCEDURES FOR WHOLE BODY DONATION

There is no paperwork required by our program in advance of a death. Contact numbers are provided below to reach on-call staff with a death that occurs outside regular program hours.

Prior to the occurrence of death:

- Review program information with healthcare provider(s) and/or family members
- Print a blank copy of the Declaration of Consent to have available for signature
- Identify a transport or funeral service to provide delivery to our facility

At the occurrence of death:

- Contact program staff to notify that a death has occurred (see contacts below)
- Healthcare personnel must qualify condition with program staff
- Name of certifying or attending provider must be reported at time of donation

Upon qualifying assessment with healthcare personnel:

- Legal next of kin must sign and submit the Declaration of Consent
Receipt of signature by fax, email or DocuSign is required to authorize delivery
- Next of kin must contact a transport/funeral service to arrange delivery to our facility
Deliveries are scheduled weekdays between 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

With contact overnight/weekends/holidays, appropriate storage must be arranged through the healthcare facility or transport provider until the time of delivery. If you encounter difficulty identifying a solution for storage, you may reach on-call staff at the number(s) below for assistance.

CONTACTS FOR ASSESSMENT AT THE OCCURRENCE OF DEATH:

336-716-4369 Weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM
336-716-2011 Outside those hours (dial “0” to request on-call staff)

We very much appreciate your willingness to make a positive difference in healthcare.





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SIGNATURE ON THIS FORM MUST NOT BE DATED PRIOR TO THE DEATH OF THE DONOR.

This form is only acceptable when signed by the legal next of kin AFTER death has occurred.

Signature below grants permission to release the decedent to Wake Forest University School of Medicine and authorizes delivery of the cremated remains to the address provided below.

The following steps are required to process an anatomical donation:

- Signature on this release form must be processed by the **legal next of kin**. This is a specific designation outlined by statute in the State of North Carolina. Where there are multiple siblings, additional signatures may be required.
- Prior to authorizing donation, our staff will qualify condition by telephone with authorized healthcare personnel. For contact during operating hours (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, M-F), please call **336-716-4369**. Outside those hours, please contact **336-716-2011** and request that the operator page on-call staff for whole body donation.
- Upon qualified assessment by healthcare personnel, the next of kin is responsible for arranging transport to our facility. This includes financial responsibility for transport. The transport service should contact our program during operating hours to arrange a staffed delivery (336-716-4369). With contact for donation that falls outside operating hours, the body must be maintained in appropriate storage until scheduled delivery.
- The following information is requested prior to confirming or receiving a scheduled delivery:

Information to Identify Donor:

(First Name)		(Middle Name)		(Last Name)	
(Date of Birth)	(Date of Death)	(Sex)	(Social Security Number)	(Marital status at time of death)	(Number of surviving children)
Facility name or physical address where death occurred (check here <input type="checkbox"/> if death occurred in a private residence:				(Name of hospice who managed care at the time of death, if applicable)	

- Cremation will not incur cost to the family. WFUSM will return the cremated remains as directed below:

***DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE RETURN OF THE CREMATED REMAINS? (PLEASE ENTER "YES" OR "NO" IN THIS BOX:)**

Requested Delivery Address for Return of the Cremated Remains:

(Name of Recipient or Funeral Home Receiving Cremated Remains)	(Phone Number for Recipient)
(Mailing Address – please include street name and number, city, state and zip code)	

In the event of a delivery failure, WFUSM will attempt contact with the legal next of kin. After a period of 12 months, cremated remains will process for dispersal according to state regulations.

- The following section must be completed by a party recognized by the State of North Carolina to hold authority. **Witness** signature must be provided by a person unrelated by blood or marriage. For questions, call 336-716-4369.

Authorized Signature and Witness:

(PRINTED NAME OF SIGNATORY)	(Signature)	(Date)
Relationship to Donor Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Sibling <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Other/DSS <input type="checkbox"/>	If signatory is one of multiple siblings and is either a child or sibling to the donor, please include the names below of all living children or siblings:	
(Contact information for signatory – please include street name and number, city, state and zip code)		(Phone number for signatory)
(PRINTED NAME OF WITNESS)	(Signature of Witness)	(Date)
(Contact information for witness or for the healthcare facility/funeral service that employs the witness in this context)		(Phone contact for witness or employer)

Thank you for your support of medical education through whole body donation. Please retain this form as your record of disposition. You may contact with any questions to 336-716-4369.





FREQUENT QUESTIONS ABOUT BODY DONATION

Is pre-registry required? No, there is no requirement for pre-registry in our program. At the time a death occurs, we are able to conduct a brief assessment by telephone and provide a response within the same phone call. Program staff is available around the clock to receive calls for assessment and return an immediate decision. The only required documentation is a one page consent form that must be executed by the legal next of kin and requires signature after the time of death.

Every prospective donor who meets current criteria at the occurrence of death will be accepted for donation with assessment by qualified healthcare personnel and signature of consent from legal next of kin. We are available for that contact around the clock, every day of the year.

What is the benefit in planning ahead for whole body donation if there is not a requirement to do so?

Engaging in conversation with family members and sometimes with healthcare providers can better prepare everyone to understand and fulfill a donor's wishes. In most circumstances, the disposition of the body will ultimately be at the discretion of the next of kin or assigned representative(s). Providing documents ahead of time that explain the intent to donate will prepare family and next of kin with materials that help them understand and direct the process for donation. Discussing the choice in advance may also lift the responsibility and difficulty that family members can face in making these choices for a loved one. Our program puts resources within reach that will help the next of kin and/or assigned representative(s) navigate the process and honor a donor's wish to participate.

Will there be a cost to the donor's family to participate in our program? The only costs associated with donating a body to Wake Forest University School of Medicine involve transportation to the facility. These costs vary based on each family's particular needs and distance from the facility, as arranged with a private funeral or transport service. At the conclusion of study, there is no cost to the family for cremation or for return of the cremated remains. Dispersal of ashes in accordance with state guidelines is also offered at no cost if there is no request for return of the cremated remains.

Will a donation be refused if a donor is identified as a live organ donor with DMV? With the exception of corneas, any organs removed postmortem would disqualify a body for donation to our program. However, many donors choose to retain both designations. This preserves the chance for a life-sustaining gift that provides immediate benefit and leaves open the possibility for anatomical donation if there is no match with a living organ donation. The only way to be certain that a body would direct first to our program would be to remove the living organ donor identification from the DMV registry.

Will a donor's family be able to find out more about any particular illness or specific genetic condition(s) after donation? The nature of our study is not oriented toward diagnostic findings. The students in our programs are learning the structures and systems of the human body, and while every condition will enrich their understanding, there is no record that would identify a particular donor's history or condition(s). Every donor's contribution will greatly enrich the preparation of providers to deliver the best care possible for their patients.

Who can answer additional questions? You can reach our program office Monday through Friday at 336-716-4369 with questions about participation in our program. For contact with a death that occurs outside regular business hours, our on-call staff can be contacted through the Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist system operator at 336-716-2011.