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Policies on Anatomical Material for Teaching and Research

These are the policies for use of anatomical material donated to the Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences, University of British Columbia.

As you know, an anatomical donation to the University of British Columbia is considered a unique bequest that an individual makes at their time of death. It is a generous decision, made to further education and research in our community. Under no circumstances can a profit be made from this donation.

Universal Precautions

Infectious diseases are a potential threat for everyone involved in the handling and preparation of human remains. Although the Department has adopted policies to reduce risk wherever possible, it is important to note there is still the potential for contact with infectious diseases and appropriate precautions should be taken before handling any material.

Application

Because of the manner in which donations are received, we cannot always guarantee the number we will receive in a given year. Therefore it is not always possible that the number of specimens planned for a particular workshop will be provided. It is thus necessary to receive any requests for anatomical material one year in advance of the anticipated workshop.

Your enquiry will fall under one of these three scenarios:

- You wish to use anatomical material provided by the Department *onsite in the Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences*.
- You wish to use anatomical material provided by the Department *offsite at your own designated institution*.
- You wish to use anatomical material *obtained through a bequest from another legally recognized institution on premises in the Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences*.

The Department has to ensure the remains are properly handled in a dignified way and the remains are used in the spirit in which they were donated. Also, they must be returned at an appropriate time for cremation.

Service Charges

Charges for the use of anatomical material are set on a cost recovery basis and are dependent upon the material requested and the technician's preparation time:

- All anatomical material must be returned to the Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences within 6 months for cremation.
- Any requests to use space in the Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences must be made one year in advance, to provide adequate time to schedule around the undergraduate medical course and other courses held in the Department.

Please complete the application form fully and return it by fax to (604) 827-4209, by e-mail attachment to anatomy@interchange.ubc.ca, or by surface mail to:

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