

Body Donation Program, Oregon Health & Science University, www.ohsu.edu/bodydonation

Directions: Use this worksheet to write down and compare answers from other organizations.

| QUESTION | OHSU BODY DONATION PROGRAM | (enter organization name here) |
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| Is your program a member of the Oregon Donor Program? | Yes | |
| How long has your program been in existence? | The OHSU Body Donation Program, as it now stands, was organized in 1976 as one of several programs under the Oregon Donor Program. Individual whole body donation did occur at OHSU prior to 1976 by individuals that elected to gift their bodies to medical science. | |
| Will my body remain in the region of Oregon and Southwestern Washington? | Yes | |
| Will all of my body be cremated? | Yes | |
| Will parts of my body be sent to different areas of the USA? | No. We provide bodies to Oregon and SW Washington programs only. | |
| Will my body be used to make a profit? | No. Federal & state laws prohibit profiteering from donated bodies. Expenses incurred by the OHSU Body Donation Program to procure, preserve, store and maintain the body are shared by the program that utilizes that body. | One human body in the commercial market usually brings in between \$15,000-\$34,000 but is potentially worth \$220,000. |
| Is your program a privately owned company? | No. The OHSU Body Donation Program is part of OHSU, a public corporation. | |
| How many bodies have been donated to your program? | The program averages 150 to 200 donations per year. The OHSU Body Donation Program has received more than 10,000 donations in the past decade. | |
| Who benefits from my donation? | Pre-med students, medical students and residents, dental students, allied health students, physicians, and the general public. | |
| Can my family recall my body at any time? | Yes. If a family requests early return of the cremains, we recall the body immediately. | |
| Can my family have an open casket viewing? | Yes. The mortuary can offer a full service prior to receiving the body into our program. | |
| Do you make available a complete listing of programs, companies or institutions to which you supply tissues? | Yes. We provide bodies to 36 statewide and regional programs and upon request will make available a complete listing. | |
| Will my body be treated with respect? | Yes. Each program or institution enters into a contract with the OHSU Body Donation Program. The contract outlines expected ethical use of body parts. OHSU healthcare students offer a memorial service for donor families after the course work is completed. | |