Information on Donating Your Body to OHSU's Body Donation Program:

Donations to the Oregon Health and Science University's Body Donation Program provide surgical simulation and research opportunities to practicing physicians, surgeons, and medical residents. In addition, these donations help teach anatomy education to undergraduate and graduate level medical learners at Oregon Health and Science University and other similar teaching institutions in the Pacific Northwest.

The Body Donation Program accepts donations only from individuals who are 18 years and older. The Body Donation Program can accept or decline a donation at the time of death. The most common reasons, but not all, for decline are recent unhealed surgeries, autopsy, history of communicable disease, physical condition of the decedent (extensive trauma/decomposition), pathology that inhibits adequate preparation procedures, low or high body weight. If a donation is declined at the time of death, the next of kin/authorizing agent is responsible for making an alternate arrangement for final disposition. The Body Donation Program is not responsible for any expenses associated with alternate arrangements. Autopsies are not performed by the Body Donation Program and there is no formal report of findings released pertaining to studies.

Procedure for Completing Form: There are two different procedures for donation. Preregistration by the donor (Form 1) or registration by next of kin/authorizing agent (Form 2). All self-consenting donors must have decision-making capacity at the time they complete the consent form (Form 1). Please complete the following pages of the applicable consent form, including the consent signature portion in the presence of two witnesses and the authorization to use and disclose protected health information form. If an authorizing agent is completing Form 2, please send a copy of the health care directive or other document designating your ability to make decisions in regards to final disposition along with the completed consent form. Completed consent forms should be submitted to:

OHSU Body Donation Program, Mailcode L-341
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road
Portland, Oregon 97239
Fax: 503-418-0588
Email: donation@ohsu.edu

Once the Body Donation Program receives the consent form, an acknowledgment letter will be sent notifying you of our receipt. A donor, or in certain situations, an authorizing agent, may amend or revoke their consent for anatomical donation. Certain restrictions apply for amendment or revocation of a consent for donation.

At the Time of Death: To report a death call: 503-494-8302. Our staff is available M-F 8AM-3PM. Outside of these hours, follow the instructions on the messaging system to connect with our answering service. At the time of notification, a medical assessment is performed to determine donor eligibility. This procedure is best done with hospital/caretaker staff but can be completed with a family member depending on their comfort level and their knowledge of the potential donor's medical history.

If a donor is accepted by the OHSU Body Donation Program transportation will be arranged from the place of death to our facility. If the death occurred outside of Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Hood River, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, Yamhill, Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, or Skamania county there will be a variable transportation fee for the service. To find out what fee is applicable to the county of death, please call our office. Our transportation service will contact the next of kin in the days following the death to gather demographic information to assist in filing the death certificate. If a donor has an existing pre-arrangement or a funeral is going to be used, please contact the funeral home and share our information with them.

If a donor is not accepted, alternate arrangements with a funeral home will be the responsibility of the next of kin/authorizing agent.
Form 1: Enrollment Form for Individual Donating

Donor Information: (Please Print Legibly)

Name: ______________________________________ Phone: __________________________

Address: _________________________________ City: __________________ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _______ Place of Birth: ____________________ Sex: _____ Social Security #: _______

Veteran, branch: ______________________ If veteran, please send copy of DD214 with consent form

Marital Status: Single: ___ Widowed: ___ Married: ___ If married, name of spouse: ______________________

Next of Kin Name: _______________ Relationship: ______ Phone: ______________________

Address: _______________________________ City: __________________ State: _____ Zip: _____

Authorizations: (Please Read Carefully and Initial Where Appropriate)

1. ___To return remains as soon as studies are completed (no less than 1 year, no more than 3 years)

2. ___To permanently retain my brain and soft tissues for teaching collection
   (remainder to be cremated and returned if #1 is selected in addition to #2)

3. ___To keep my remains for an indefinite period (no remains will be returned)

Disposition of Remains: (Initial One of the Four Options)

I hereby direct and authorize the release/delivery or shipment of said remains as follows:

1. ___Do NOT cremate my remains. Release body to: ______________________ Funeral Home
   (I understand my Next of Kin will be responsible for expenses)

2. ___Cremate my remains and deliver to _______________ Cemetery for the purpose of
   inurnment. (I understand my Next of Kin will be responsible for expenses)

3. ___Cremate my remains. Remains will not be returned and OHSU will inter in a shared
   gravespace for whole body donors in a cemetery of OHSU’s choice
   (OHSU does not charge for this service)

4. ___Cremate my remains and return to: ________________________________
   (Name/Relationship)

   __________________________________________________________
   (Address)

* □ If this box is not checked, regardless of the selection for disposition of my remains above, I
authorize my next of kin, to direct disposition of my remains under applicable law, as he/she/they
determines.
Consent:

- I understand that by completing this Enrollment Form, I am authorizing OHSU to accept and use my body, or transfer it to a qualified institution, for medical education & research purposes. Upon my death, my body may be embalmed, dissected/disarticulated or plastinated for permanent preservation. Part of these procedures may make a small amount of anatomical material unrecoverable or destroyed in its process.

- I understand that certain laboratory and diagnostic testing will be performed and, as mandated by, law results may be reported to the Oregon Health Authority.

- I understand that the Body Donation Program may provide a donated body to other educational or research institutions for medical education or research purposes. Under the Anatomical Gift Act, when the Body Donation Program provides the donated body to an education or research entity outside of OHSU, the entity will reimburse OHSU for its reasonable costs of removal, processing, preservation, quality control, storage, transportation or cremation of the body.

- I understand and authorize the Body Donation Program to acquire and retain images and video recordings, in any format, related to specific medical education and research studies with the understanding that care will be taken to protect identity and dignity, and images and video recordings will be acquired only when necessary to document and demonstrate educational or scientific findings.

- I understand and agree that OHSU or an entity authorized to video record a donated body for medical education may receive compensation as part of an educational program. I understand that any video recordings will not be returned to me and I waive all rights, title, claims or interest I may have to control or approve the use of the video recordings for such purposes. I understand and agree that I will not receive, and will have no rights to, any royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the video recordings.

- I understand and agree that a donated body could be used in making a discovery that could, in the future, be patented or licensed to a company, which could result in a possible financial benefit to that company or OHSU. I understand that there are no plans to pay me if this happens and agree I will not have any property rights or ownership or financial interest in or arising from products or data that may result from the donated body.

- I understand that a donor or next of kin/authorized agent cannot select the use or user of the anatomical donation.

- I understand and agree that the Body Donation Program’s ability to return cremated remains, may be affected by weather, road conditions, and other things beyond its control, and that OHSU and persons acting on its behalf will not be responsible for any such delay.

- I understand my body may not be accepted for donation at the time of death. I understand that if this situation arises my next of kin/authorizing agent will be required to make alternate arrangements for final disposition of the body at their expense.

- I agree that a copy of this Enrollment Form is valid as an originally signed Enrollment Form.

- I understand that I may amend or revoke a donation at any time prior to death.
Consent Continued:

- I acknowledge that I am at least 18 years of age and competent to make decisions on my own behalf and that I have signed this Enrollment Form in the presence of at least two adult witnesses.

Authorized Signature:

I acknowledge that I have read (or had read to me) this document in its entirety. I have had the opportunity to ask questions, have had my questions answered, and I fully understand this document. By signing below, I consent to the donation and disposition of my remains as described above. In signing below, I represent myself as the Donor named on this form.

Signature of Donor/Date

Signature of Witnesses:

Two witnesses must sign this form to abide by your wishes to donate to OHSU. One of the two witnesses must be a “disinterested witness,” meaning someone other than:

- A spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, extended relative or guardian of the donor; or

- An adult who exhibited special care and concern for the donor; or

- A representative of an institution (including a hospital, accredited medical school, dental school, college, university) or organization (including an organ procurement organization, eye bank, tissue bank)

By signing below, I declare that the person listed above, signed this enrollment form in my presence and that he/she appeared to be of sound mind and not acting under duress, fraud or undue influence. Please print the information legibly.

Witness Signature

Full Name of Witness

Relationship

Witness Signature

Full Name of Witness

Relationship
Form 2: Enrollment Form to Bequeath a Body on Behalf of an Individual
Donor Information: (Please Print Legibly)

Name: __________________________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Address: __________________________ City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Date of Birth: ________ Place of Birth: __________________________ Sex: ______ Social Security #: ______

Veteran, branch: __________________________ If veteran, please send copy of DD214 with consent form

Marital Status: Single: ___ Widow: ___ Married: ___ If married, name of spouse: __________________________

Next of Kin Name: __________________________ Relationship: ______ Phone: __________________________

Address: __________________________ City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Authorizations: (Please Read Carefully and Initial Where Appropriate)

I, as the next of kin/authorized agent named above, hereby authorize OHSU:

1. ___ To return remains of the person named above as soon as studies are completed (no less than
   1 year, no more than 3 years)
2. ___ To permanently retain the brain and soft tissues of the person named above for teaching
   collection (remainder to be cremated and returned if #1 is selected in addition to #2)
3. ___ To keep the remains of the person named above for an indefinite period
   (no remains will be returned)

Disposition of Remains: (Initial One of the Four Options)

I hereby direct and authorize the release/delivery or shipment of said remains as follows:

1. ___ Do NOT cremate the remains. Release body to: __________________________ Funeral Home
   (I understand Next of kin/Authorizing Agent will be responsible for expenses)
2. ___ Cremate the remains and deliver to __________________________ Cemetery for the purpose of
   inurnment. (I understand Next of kin/Authorizing Agent will be responsible for expenses)
3. ___ Cremate my remains. Remains will not be returned and OHSU will inter in a shared
   gravespace for whole body donors in a cemetery of OHSU’s choice
   (OHSU does not charge for this service)
4. ___ Cremate the remains and return to:

(Name/ Relationship and Address)
Consent:

- I acknowledge that I am authorized to make this donation on behalf of the person named above and understand that I may need to provide the health care directive or other documentation designating my authority to make the donation.

- I acknowledge that I am not aware of any record signed or otherwise made by the person named above refusing to make an anatomical gift.

- I authorize by completing this enrollment form that I am allowing OHSU to accept and use the body or transfer it to a qualified institution for medical education and research and upon the death of the person named above, the body may be embalmed, dissected/disarticulated or plastinated for permanent preservation. Part of these procedures may make a small amount of anatomical material unrecoverable or destroyed in its process.

- I understand and authorize the Body Donation Program to acquire and retain images and video recordings, in any format, related to specific medical education and research studies with the understanding that care will be taken to protect identity and dignity, and images and video recordings will be acquired only when necessary to document and demonstrate the educational or scientific findings.

- I understand and agree that OHSU or an entity authorized to video record a donated body for medical education may receive compensation as part of an educational program. I understand that any video recordings will not be returned to me and I waive all rights, title, claims or interest I may have to control or approve the use of the video recordings for such purposes. I understand and agree that I will not receive, and will have no rights to, any royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the video recordings.

- I understand and agree that a donated body could be used in making a discovery that could, in the future, be patented or licensed to a company, which could result in a possible financial benefit to that company or OHSU. I understand that there are no plans to pay me if this happens and agree I will not have any property rights or ownership or financial interest in or arising from products or data that may result from the donated body.

- I understand that a donor or next of kin/authorized agent cannot select the use or user of the anatomical donation.

- I understand and agree that the Body Donation Program’s ability to return cremated remains, may be affected by weather, road conditions, and other things beyond its control, and that OHSU and persons acting on its behalf will not be responsible any such delay.

- I understand the donated body may not be accepted for donation at the time of death. I understand that if this situation arises the next of kin/authorizing agent will be required to make alternate arrangements for final disposition of the body at their expense.

- I agree that a copy of this Enrollment Form is valid as an originally signed Enrollment Form.

- I understand that I may amend or revoke a donation only as authorized bylaw.

- I acknowledge that I am at least 18 years of age and that I have signed this Enrollment Form in the presence of at least two adult witnesses.

- I understand that certain laboratory and diagnostic testing will be performed and, if mandated by law, results may be reported to the Oregon Health Authority.
Consent Continued:

- I understand that the Body Donation Program may provide a donated body to other educational or research institutions for medical education or research purposes. Under the Anatomical Gift Act, when the Body Donation Program provides the donated body to an education or research entity outside of OHSU, the entity may reimburse OHSU for its reasonable costs of removal, processing, preservation, quality control, storage, transportation or cremation of the body.

Authorized Signature:

I acknowledge that I have read (or had read to me) this document in its entirety. I have had the opportunity to ask questions, have had my questions answered, and I fully understand this document. By signing below, I consent to the donation and disposition of the remains as described above. In signing below, I represent myself as the Next of Kin/Authorizing Agent named on this form.

Signature of Next of Kin/Authorizing Agent & Date

Full Name & Relationship

Address

Phone

Signature of Witnesses:

Two witnesses must sign this form to abide by your wishes to donate to OHSU. One of the two witnesses must be a “disinterested witness,” meaning someone other than:

- A spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, grandparent, extended relative or guardian of the donor; or
- An adult who exhibited special care and concern for the donor; or
- A representative of an institution (including a hospital, accredited medical school, dental school, college, university) or organization (including an organ procurement organization, eye bank, tissue bank)

By signing below, I declare that the person listed above, signed this enrollment form in my presence and that he/she appeared to be of sound mind and not acting under duress, fraud or undue influence. Please print the information legibly.

Witness Signature

Full Name of Witness

Relationship

Witness Signature

Full Name of Witness

Relationship
Frequently Asked Questions:

Are there any conditions which would invalidate my donation?
The most common, but not all reasons for decline, low or high body weight, extensive trauma, signs of decomposition, or history of communicable disease. Death with Dignity does not in itself exclude one from our program. Acceptability for donation can only be determined at the time of death. To avoid undue grief and disappointment to your family, they should be aware of these conditions.

Am I guaranteed that my body will be accepted into the program?
No. Acceptability can only be determined at the time of death after a verbal medical assessment is completed. An alternate plan should be in place with a funeral home in the event that a body donation is not accepted.

Will my body be used for teaching or research? Will my family receive a report of the findings?
Our program does not perform autopsies and no reports are given. The primary mission of our program is to support anatomy education to medical, dental, and other allied health students. Minimal research is supported by our program at this time. Anatomy education is the foundation of a student’s medical knowledge and one of their primary courses during their first year of medical school. Students are not knowledgeable enough at this stage to recognize or diagnose diseases or conditions. Donors can also aid in continuing education opportunities for practicing residents, physicians and surgeons to learn new surgical approaches and device deployment.

Can I be assured that my remains will be handled properly?
Yes. All donors are treated with the greatest respect, in accordance with the highest ethical standards. All students receive an orientation prior to working with donors; embalming and storage areas are restricted to authorized personnel only.

What happens when the studies or teaching is completed?
Donors are cremated in the crematorium at the OHSU School of Medicine (unless specified differently on the consent form) and the cremated remains are returned as specified by the donor or family.

How long will it be before my family receives the remains for final disposition?
The length of time for final disposition can be up to three years.

Can I change my mind?
Yes. The Enrollment Form is a legal document, but it may be amended or cancelled by the donor at any time by a phone call or letter to the Body Donation Program requesting that the form be removed from the file.

Does the designation of “D for donor” on my license/ID enroll me in the program?
No. A driver’s license may be coded with a “D” for donor but this license designation only qualifies someone for tissue and organ donation. Eligibility for the Body Donation Program requires a separate registration form to be completed by the potential donor, the donor’s next of kin or authorized representative.

Can a donor choose to donate his organs before donation to OHSU’s Body Donation Program?
Possibly. Donation to our program after any organ or tissue donation will be determined on a case to case basis at the time of death.

Is there a memorial service for the donors?
Yes. Oregon Health and Science University conducts an annual memorial service commemorating donors to our program. The next of kin or authorized representative will be notified of the date, time and place of the memorial service.

What is an indefinite donation?
Indefinite donors may be used for educational or research purposes outside of the three year range. The remains of indefinite donors will not be returned to the next of kin or authorizing agent but will be cremated and placed in a shared gravespace of OHSU’s selection.
AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED OR THE AUTHORIZATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

I authorize: ________________________________

(Name of person / entity / facility disclosing information)

(Address of person / entity) ________________________________

(City) ________________________________(State) ________________________________(Zip Code)

to use and disclose an electronic copy of the specific health information described below; unless you check here ☐ for a paper copy. This release is regarding:

whole body donation / medical education and research

consisting of: ___Physician reports___X-rays (please see the back side of this form for complete instructions) ___Labs___ED Billing

☐ Other, specify identifying features: e.g., face, tattoos, scars

☐ If outpatient practice / clinic records are needed, please specify the practice(s) / clinic(s) (see back side for practice / clinic list)

To: ________________________________

(Name of recipient)

(Address of recipient) ________________________________

(City) ________________________________(State) ________________________________(Zip Code)

for the purpose of: ___School Entry___Other, specify Whole body donation / medical education and research

If the information to be disclosed contains any of the types of records or information listed below, additional laws relating to the use and disclosure of the information may apply. I understand and agree that this information will be disclosed only if I place my initials in the applicable space next to the type of information.

☐ HIV/AIDS information ☐ Mental health information ☐ Genetic testing information ☐ Drug / alcohol diagnosis, treatment, or referral information

You do not need to sign this authorization. Refusal to sign the authorization will not adversely affect your ability to receive health care services or reimbursement for services. The only circumstance when refusal to sign will mean you will not receive health services is if the health services are solely for the purpose of providing health information to someone else, and the authorization is necessary to make that disclosure. Your refusal to sign this authorization does not adversely affect your enrollment in a health plan or eligibility for health benefits, unless the authorized information is necessary to determine if you are eligible to enroll in the health plan.

You may revoke this authorization in writing at any time. If you revoke your authorization, the information described above may no longer be used or disclosed for the purposes described in this written authorization. Any uses or disclosures already made with your permission cannot be undone.

To revoke this authorization, please send a written statement to Medical Correspondence, Health Information Services, OP17A, OHSU 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd. Portland, OR 97239-3098, and state that you are revoking this authorization.

I understand that the information used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure and no longer be protected under federal law. However, I also understand that federal or state law may restrict re-disclosure of HIV/AIDS information, mental health information, genetic information and drug / alcohol diagnosis, treatment or referral information.

I have read this authorization and I understand it.

This authorization expires one year from the date of signing unless revoked or otherwise specified below:

(enter alternative expiration date or event) 5 years after my death

By: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________

(Signature of individual or personal representative)

Description of personal representative’s authority:

________________________________________

Print Clear Form
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DEFINITION OF REPORTS:

- Physician reports include Discharge Summary, Discharge instructions, History & Physical exam, any procedures or operations
- X-rays include X-ray reports, Ultra sound, MRI, and special Imaging reports *(If you are requesting for an actual image please make sure to fill out the Authorization Form MR-4775)* The form may be accessed at the following web site:  [https://ohsu.ellucid.com/documents/view/14333](https://ohsu.ellucid.com/documents/view/14333)
- Labs – all laboratory test results
- ED – Emergency Department reports by physician
- Billing – Hospital and / or clinic billing information
- Immunizations – all immunization records
- Other – Specify information not listed

OHSU OUTPATIENT PRACTICES/CLINICS:

- Adult Psychiatry
- Allergy & Immunology
- Anticoagulation
- Audiology
- Bone & Mineral
- Bone Marrow Transplant / Leukemia
- Cardiology
- Casey Eye Institute
- CDRC Eugene
- Center for Women’s Health
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Childhood Development and Rehabilitation (CDRC)
- Comprehensive Pain Center
- Dermatology
- Dermatology Surgery
- Diabetes
- Digestive Health
- Doernbecher Pediatrics - Westside
- Employee Health
- Endocrinology
- Executive Health
- Family Medicine at South Waterfront
- Gabriel Park
- Gastroenterology
- General Pediatrics
- General Surgery
- GI / Hepatology
- Health Promotion and Sports Medicine
- Hematology / Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Intercultural Psychiatry Program
- Internal Medicine
- Knight Cancer Center/Community Hematology Oncology
- Lipids
- Liver Transplant
- Marquam Hill Internists
- Nephrology & Hypertension
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Otolaryngology
- Pediatric Hematology / Oncology
- Pediatric Specialties
- Perinatal
- Plastic Surgery
- Pulmonary
- Radiation Oncology
- Renal Transplant
- Rheumatology
- Richmond
- Riverplace
- Scappoose
- Sleep Medicine
- Surgical Oncology
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery