



## DONOR CONSENT FORM Body Donor Program

Please complete all pages of this Donor Consent Form, return the original to the Body Donor Coordinator and retain a duplicate copy for your own records. The University will acknowledge receipt of your paperwork.

**It is important that you read the Body Donor Program Information Sheet before you complete this Donor Consent Form.**

**This Donor Consent Form must also be signed by your senior available next of kin (see Q2 in the Body Donor Program Information Sheet).** It is suggested that you indicate in your will and also inform your executor and medical practitioner of your wish to donate your body to the University of Melbourne.

If any of your personal details change, please ensure the University of Melbourne is advised.

An adult (18 years and over) may apply to become a prospective body donor provided that they reside within forty (40) kilometres of the General Post Office, Melbourne (see Q1 in the Body Donor Program Information Sheet). If accepted, your body will be retained for the teaching, study, examination and investigation of human anatomy for a period that may extend for up to three (3) years. Following this, the University of Melbourne will attend to the subsequent cremation of your body at a time and place of its choice. Notwithstanding the above, in some instances, the University of Melbourne may choose to retain a tissue sample or selected body part, or parts indefinitely for anatomical examination and teaching purposes.

At the time of death the University of Melbourne may sometimes be unable to accept a body for various reasons, for example, if death is due to accident or transmissible disease or an autopsy is required (see Q3 in the Body Donor Program Information Sheet). Accordingly, the University of Melbourne reserves the right to decline to accept a body in certain circumstances (see Q3 and Q11 in the Body Donor Program Information Sheet). In such an eventuality your senior available next of kin or executor will be notified of the need for other arrangements to be made.

**Please Note: Only Registered Donors, being donors who have completed this Donor Consent Form and accepted by the University of Melbourne, will be accepted at the time of death.**

Additional information can be found at:

<https://biomedicalsciences.unimelb.edu.au/departments/department-of-anatomy-and-physiology/engage/body-donor-program>

### SCOPE AND TERMS OF CONSENT

**Donor:**

I, Family name

Dr, Mr., Mrs., Ms. Etc.

Given names

of Your residential address

POSTCODE

Telephone number

Email

DAY MONTH YEAR

Date of Birth

hereby consent to:

- (a) the retention and use of my body (including tissue samples or selected body parts hereafter referred to as **My Donated Body, Body Parts or Tissue Samples**) after my death (and in some instances indefinitely), for the purpose of the teaching, study, examination and investigation of human anatomy, under the *Human Tissue Act 1982* (Vic);
- (b) the University of Melbourne's Department of Anatomy and Physiology supplying My Donated Body, Body Parts or Tissue Samples to other prescribed schools of anatomy authorised by the Minister under section 35 of the *Human Tissue Act 1982* (Vic); and
- (c) my treating doctor supplying the Department of Anatomy and Physiology whatever medical information they may require.

I acknowledge that unidentifiable images and models of My Donated Body, Body Parts or Tissue Samples may be generated and used (by the Department of Anatomy and Physiology at the University of Melbourne or other prescribed school of anatomy authorised by the Minister under section 35 of the *Human Tissue Act 1982* (Vic)) in the creation of tools for use in the study and teaching of anatomy including commercial products.

I confirm that I have not spent a cumulative total of six (6) months or more in the UK between 1 January 1980 and 31 December 1996, and that I have not received a blood transfusion in the UK since 1 January 1980.

I further consent to the cremation of my remains at a time and place to be arranged by The University of Melbourne.

I direct that my ashes be (please tick appropriate box):-

Returned to my senior available next of kin  or executor  **OR**

Scattered at the discretion of The University of Melbourne

**Treating / Family Doctor details:**

Name

Address

POSTCODE

Telephone number  Email

**In order to ensure we are able to:**

1. Notify the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages of the death; and
2. Return your ashes to the appropriate person,

Please complete the following details and ensure that you have acquired the relevant person's agreement to do so:

**Details of senior available next of kin:**

Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

Postal Address

Telephone number

Email

**Alternative next of kin: (in case the above named person predeceases you or we are unable to contact them)**

Family name

Given names

Relationship to you

Postal Address

Telephone number

Email

**OR**

**EXECUTOR:** Please note: if you have no or only one living relative, please indicate who the Executor of your estate

is: Name

Postal Address

Telephone number

Email

I acknowledge that I have read and agree with the information contained on this Donor Consent Form and on the Body Donor Information Sheet.

Signature of donor

Dated

I acknowledge that I have read and agree with the information contained on this Donor Consent Form and on the Body Donor Information Sheet.

Signature of senior available next of kin/executor

Dated

Please complete this form and return it to:

**Coordinator  
Body Donor Program  
Department of Anatomy & Physiology  
The University of Melbourne  
VICTORIA 3010**

We will acknowledge receipt of the form.

*The personal and health information contained in this Consent Form is required for the purposes of administering your donation to the University's Body Donor Program. The University must comply with the Information Privacy Act 2000 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) when collecting, using or handling personal or health information. Information on the University's Privacy Policy can be found at [www.unimelb.edu.au/unisec/privacy](http://www.unimelb.edu.au/unisec/privacy)*

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