



INFORMATION SHEET

For Donors and Next of Kin

On Donation of Dead Bodies

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Rev/Sir/Madam,

DONATION OF DEAD BODIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEDICAL-EDUCATION AND MEDICAL RESEARCH

Thank you for your letter/request regarding the above subject. We do appreciate your gesture.

After death the remains become property of the state. Therefore, it is necessary that you instruct the NOK and donors accordingly and also explain them of the following handling over procedure.

- 1. The body can be donated only after a natural death.**
- 2. Soon after the death the next of kin (NOK) should**
 - a. contact the **Head / Technical Officers of the Dept. of Anatomy** - they could contact the Head/Technical Officer of the Department of Anatomy on following telephone members.
 - i. 055-..... (Head - Department of Anatomy)
 - ii. 055-.....(Office -Department of Anatomy)
 - b. with the National Identity card,
 - c. on working days (Monday to Friday 8.00 A.M. -2.00 P.M.)
 - d. NOK should Inform the
 - i. The name, address, the number of the National Identity card and
 - ii. relationship,
 - iii. that the coffin should be taken away by the NOK.
- 3. A body can only be accepted**
 - a. from Monday to Friday between 8.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.
 - b. Please note that bodies will not be accepted on weekends and public holidays.
- 4. There are 2 ways of handing over the cadaver to the Department of Anatomy.**
 - a) **Donating fresh cadavers within 12 hours of death after inquiring with the Department of Anatomy.**
 - a. During this method, there is no need of embalming the cadaver.
 - b. Cadaver need to be reached the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine within 12 hours of death.
 - c. This process is possible only during official working days of the week from 8.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M.
 - b) **Handing over the cadaver within three (03) days of the death.**

- a. Embalming should be done by injecting 5 liters of undiluted formalin into the femoral artery in front of the upper part of the thigh.
- b. If the body is not properly embalmed, at the time of donating, the body would not be accepted by the department.
- c. No other parts of the body should be damaged by the undertaker.

5. Organ donations prior to handing over

- a. Eyes can be donated to an Eye Donation Society before you donate the body to our department. (Eye Donation Society Tel: 055-2692051, 055-2698040, 055-2698041, 0552-698043).
- b. However, other parts of the body should not be cut or removed.

6. When handing over the body, the NOK or custodian(s) should handover the following documents to the office of the Department of Anatomy.

- a) The Birth, Death, and Marriage/Medical Registrar's Certificate of Death (The original) and a photocopy.
- b) A copy of the National Identity Card of the NOK (person handing over the body)
- c) The duly filled affidavit

7. The following bodies will not be accepted,

- a) Below the age of 21 years,
- b) Deaths due to cancer.
- c) Infectious diseases Eg. HIV, Hepatitis, COVID-19, Infectious skin rashes etc.
- d) Deaths due to accidents.
- e) Bodies where pathological post-mortems have been performed.
- f) If the body has not been properly embalmed and therefore decomposed at the time of donation.

8. Other important information

- a) The body will never be returned or shown to any person (even NOK or relations) after the donation.
- b) Transport facilities will not be provided or transport charges will not be paid by the university.
- c) No religious or any other function is allowed within the University premises.
- d) No payments should be made to the University for this purpose
- e) Coffin, clothing and jewelry of the deceased would be handed over to the NOK.
- f) Department of Anatomy may prepare bony skeletons for education purposes of the department but trading to the outsiders/medical students is prohibited.

For further details please contact the Department of Anatomy. Instruction to the donor (page 1 & 2) must be kept with you or next of kin. The copy of the University (page 3) must be posted to us.

We regret to inform you that, during weekends, public holidays or when storage are full, we are unable to take the donation. We appreciate your kind concern to donate your body to the Faculty of Medicine, Uva Wellassa University.

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 Faculty of Medicine
 Uva Wellassa University,
 Passara, Badulla

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 The Dean
 Faculty of Medicine
 Uva Wellassa University
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