

## GENERAL INFORMATION - MISSOURI LAW

Missouri law (Revised Statute 1969 194.210) states that any person, eighteen years of age or older, may give the whole or any part of his or her body to any college, university, licensed hospital, or to the State Anatomical Board for use in the manner provided by their will, or for general purposes.

## PURPOSE and PROCEDURE

An anatomical donation is the ultimate gift of life and represents a valuable investment in the future of medical education and research, and thus, improves the quality of human life. Kansas City University has need for anatomical donations to carry out educational studies as well as ethical research. Educational studies are normally carried out over a period of approximately one year but may take up to two years. Research studies are for approximately one year. For the purposes of education or research, the Program reserves the right to permanently preserve and retain certain tissues and organs of the donor, and/or to create photographic, video, or media images of parts of donors in ways that respect the donor's dignity and identity. **When donating your body to Kansas City University for medical education and research**, know that the need is great and that your gift will be valued and honored. Your donation will play a critical role in assisting medical students to master the complex anatomy of the human body and will provide researchers with the essential tools to help our future patients. The University does not solicit donations; rather, it receives them as gifts pursuant to State Law.

To make an anatomical gift, the following procedure is followed:

- 1) A person wishing to make an anatomical gift completes the Certificate for Bequeathal, Medical History, and the Missouri Biostatistical Information forms provided by the University. Return all pages to the University. If the donor is unable to fill out the Bequeathal form, a separate Next of Kin Authorization form must be completed. Forms are also available on the website at: **[www.kansascity.edu/giftbody](http://www.kansascity.edu/giftbody)**
- 2) At the time of death, the appropriate local or medical authorities will need to be notified before the donor can be released for transport. Afterwards, a call is placed to the University's Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences, **(816) 654-7530**. A voice message will give instructions. To reach the Gift Body Program after-hours, call **(913) 599-8357**. Arrangements will be made with a funeral director to file the death certificate and transport the body to the University. No fees are usually involved in the above process, however, **if the place of death is more than 100 miles from Kansas City or 15 miles from Joplin campus** that additional mileage will be at the expense of the donor's family. The Gift Body Program **cannot** provide any copies of the death certificate itself but will provide information to the next of kin on how to order them.
- 3) Please note that age is not a concern. **However, determination of the acceptability of a body can only be made at the time of death**, since the cause of death may not permit the body to be usable for medical teaching and research. To avoid undue grief and disappointment with your loved ones, we highly recommend that they should be made aware of these conditions and have alternative plans.

## RELIGIOUS VIEWS and FINAL DISPOSITION

Most religions do not object to anatomical donation. If you are in doubt, ask a counselor of your faith. Upon completion of educational studies, the remains are cremated. The instructions on the donor's Disposition of Ashes form are specifically followed as to the disposition of the cremains. The donor has the option of having the cremains interred at a university-owned grave site, located in a Kansas City, Missouri cemetery; the cremains returned directly to the family; or the cremains returned by registered mail to a cemetery, a funeral home, or the family.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service is held annually on the Kansas City University campus or virtually. The donor's family will receive notification of the date and time of the ceremony, should they wish to attend.

Status: Pending

This document contains Confidential Information and should be returned to:



Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences  
1750 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64106-1453  
Phone (816) 654-7530, Fax (816) 654-7531

### MISSOURI BIostatistical INFORMATION

<b>Donor's Name:</b>						
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)	(Maiden if applicable)	(Social Security #)	
<b>Contact Information:</b>						
	(Street Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip Code)		
	(Email)		(Phone)			
<b>Please select:</b>	Left-Handed	Right-Handed	In City Limits	Outside City Limits		
<b>Place of Birth:</b>			<b>Date of Birth:</b>			
	(City)	(State)				
<b>Height:</b>			<b>Weight:</b>			
	(Feet)	(Inches)		(Pounds)		
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced		
<b>Full Name of Spouse:</b>						
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last Name)	←Maiden Name (if Female)		
<b>Full Name of Father:</b>						
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last Name)			
<b>Full Name of Mother:</b>						
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last Name)	←Maiden Name (if Female)		
<b>Armed Forces:</b>	Yes	No				
<b>Sex:</b>	Male	Female	<b>Race:</b>			
				(Race)		
<b>Highest Grade Completed:</b>		<b>Occupation:</b>		<b>Kind of Business:</b> (now or before retirement)		
<b>Any physical handicaps or unusual conditions:</b>						
<b>Next of Kin or Informant:</b>						
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)			
<b>Next of Kin Address:</b>						
	(Street Address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)		
<b>Next of Kin Phone:</b>			<b>Next of Kin Alternate Phone:</b>			
		(Phone)			(Alt Phone)	
<b>Next of Kin Email:</b>			<b>Next of Kin Relationship to Donor:</b>			
		(Email)			(Relationship)	



## CERTIFICATE FOR BEQUEATHAL

I,

(typed or printed name)

hereby bequeath and donate my body, immediately following my death to Kansas City University (KCU), 1750 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 for the purpose of medical education and/or research such as the medical institution shall decide.

I understand that if my body is used for medical education, it may be transferred to another medical institution, should the need be greater there. I understand that should my body be used for research purposes it will always remain in KCU custody. For the purposes of education or research, the program reserves the right to permanently preserve and retain certain tissues and organs of the donor, and/or to create photographic, video, or media images of parts of donors in ways that respect the donor's dignity and identity. I further understand that bodies donated for medical education are generally held for up to two years before ashes can be returned and that bodies donated for research are generally held for up to one year before ashes can be returned.

**Preferred Location:**

**Joplin, MO**

**Kansas City, MO**

<b>Social Security #:</b>		<b>Birthdate:</b>	
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date Signed:</b>	
<b>Witness</b>		<b>Address</b>	
<b>Witness</b>		<b>Address</b>	



NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZATION for the GIFT BODY PROGRAM

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(typed or printed name)

being the next of kin or legal representative of \_\_\_\_\_  
(donor name-typed or printed)

hereby bequeath and donate their body to Kansas City University (KCU), 1750 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 for the purpose of medical education and/or research such as the medical institution shall decide.

I understand that this gift is used for medical education, and it may be transferred to another medical institution, should the need be greater there. I understand that should my gift be used for research purposes it will always remain in KCU custody. For the purposes of education or research, the program reserves the right to permanently preserve and retain certain tissues and organs of the donor, and/or to create photographic, video, or media images of parts of donors in ways that respect the donor's dignity and identity. I further understand that bodies donated for medical education are generally held for up to two years before ashes can be returned and that bodies donated for research are generally held for up to one year before ashes can be returned.

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Decedent's Social Security #:		Decedent's Birthdate:	
Signature of Next of Kin:		Date Signed:	
Address of Next of Kin:			
Relationship to Decedent:			
Witness 1:		Date Signed:	
Address:			
Witness 2:		Date Signed:	
Address:			



## Medical History Form

I (or the Donor's legal representative),	
	(Full Name Last, First, Middle – print or typed)
Do hereby give my written permission for the release of my (the donor's) medical records on file at the time of death to Kansas City University, 1750 Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106-1453 for the purpose of medical education and/or ethical research.	
The Gift Body Program cannot accept and will decline donors who have Hepatitis B or C, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Syphilis, Staph, VRE or MRSA, or are overly obese individuals determined on a height and weight basis.	
<b>The following is a history of surgeries:</b>	
<b>Life-long Illnesses (e.g. Diabetes, high-blood pressure, blood diseases, COPD, etc):</b>	
<b>Current Medications:</b>	
<b>By signing this form, I/We agree to the restrictions listed above.</b>	
<b>Donor/Representative Signature</b>	<b>Date Signed</b>
<b>Donor/Representative Address:</b>	



## **DISPOSITION OF ASHES FOR GIFT BODY PROGRAM DONORS**

<b>Donor Name:</b>			
<b>Please indicate your wishes for the disposition of the ashes in the appropriate space below*.</b>			
<b>We/I would like the ashes returned to us by registered mail at:</b>			
(Name)	(Street Address)	(City, State)	(Zip Code)
(Signature)		(Date)	
<b>We/I would like to meet you at the University to receive the ashes.</b>			
(Signature)		(Date)	
<b>We/I would like the ashes buried at Park Lawn Cemetery in Kansas City University's grave site.</b>			
(Signature)		(Date)	
<b>We/I would like to make other arrangements as indicated below:</b>			
(Signature)		(Date)	

***\*If the family cannot be reached at the time of return, the ashes will be held for 3 years and then interred at a local cemetery. To have remains exhumed will be at the cost of the family.***