

## 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 in order 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 our 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 patients of tomorrow. The University does not solicit for 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-mail message will give instructions. In order to reach the Gift Body Program afterhours, 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 the University 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, it should be understood that 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 to 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

Status: Pending

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.



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**MISSOURI BIostatistical Information**

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Maiden if Female) (Social Security Number)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Left or Right Handed In or outside city limits: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Circle One)

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State)

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Feet) (Inches) (Pounds) (Single, Married, Widow, or Divorced)

Full Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ (If Wife, Maiden Name)  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Full Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Full Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden Name)  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Armed Forces: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes) (No) (Male) (Female)

Highest Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Now or before retirement)

Any physical handicaps or unusual conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Next of Kin or Informant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Next of Kin Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Next of Kin Home Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Next of Kin Work Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Next of Kin Relationship to Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Next of Kin Name, Address and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**NEXT OF KIN AUTHORIZATION**  
**FOR THE GIFT BODY PROGRAM**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the next-of-kin or legal representative of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby bequeath and donate (her/his) body for:

Medical education AND/OR research such as the medical institution shall decide. I understand that if this gift is used for medical education 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 remain in KCU's custody at all times. 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 Locations: Joplin, Missouri \_\_\_\_\_ Kansas City, Missouri \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Next of Kin: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
                  Area Code

Decedent's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Decedent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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 donors who have Hepatitis B or C, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Syphilis, Staph, VRE or MRSA. The Gift Body Program cannot accept overly obese individuals determined on a height and weight basis.

The following is a history of surgeries:

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Life-long Illnesses (e.g. Diabetes, high-blood pressure, blood diseases, COPD, etc)

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Current Medications:

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The Gift Body Program will decline donors who have Hepatitis B or C, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Syphilis, Staph, VRE or MRSA. The Gift Body Program cannot accept overly obese individuals determined on a height and weight basis. By signing this form, we agree to the restrictions listed here.

Donor/Representative Signature

Date

Donor/Representative Address

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

Please indicate your wishes for the disposition of the ashes of \_\_\_\_\_ in the appropriate space below.

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We/I would like the ashes returned to us by registered mail at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and date)

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We/I would like to meet you at the University to receive the ashes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and date)

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We/I would like the ashes buried at Park Lawn Cemetery in Kansas City University's grave site.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and date)

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We/I would like to make other arrangements as indicated below:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and date)