Code of Conduct in the Anatomy Laboratory

Access to human material in the Anatomy Laboratory is a significant privilege; it is important that donated bodies are treated with the greatest professionalism.

As user of the Anatomy Laboratory, all must observe and adhere to the following Code of Conduct while in the Anatomy Laboratory:

1. **NO** material is ever to leave the Anatomy Laboratory. Special study material (e.g. plastic models) will be made available upon request. Your student identification number will be required to indicate responsibility for the loan.

2. Fulfill the expectations of the donors, and honor their wishes by studying the bodies with purpose and respect. Treat the donated bodies and prosections as you would wish your own body, or that of a member of your family, to be treated.

3. All donated bodies and prosections should be handled with respect. Neither the donated bodies nor any parts thereof are to be positioned or displayed in inappropriate, comical or obscene manners.

4. When being studied for a long period of time, donated bodies and prosections should be adequately moistened with 50% alcohol to maintain the proper preservation of the specimens.

5. Donated bodies and prosections have identification numbers. For burial purposes, it is important that these numbers **NOT** be removed and that all parts of each body remain on the original dissection table. Prosections should be returned to their original storage locations in the laboratory after use.


7. Unauthorized visitors are **NOT** allowed in the Anatomy Laboratory.

8. Students are **NOT** allowed in the Preparation Room.

9. **NO** eating or drinking in the Laboratory.

10. Knee length laboratory coats, gloves and safety glasses must be worn at all times. Baseball caps, sandals and open back shoes are **NOT** permitted.

11. Contact lenses should **NOT** be worn in the Laboratory.

12. Pregnant students or students who suspect pregnancy should consult with the WELL Office. The standard is to wear a mask. When training is unavailable, alternatives for coursework and examinations will be accommodated.

13. The embalming fluid used is carefully selected to ensure complete preservation of bodies and consequently contains minimal effective concentration of ethanol, phenol, glycerin and formaldehyde. The agents are potentially hazardous, if misused. The strict laboratory policies outlined hereby should be followed to ensure a safe manner of working with embalmed materials.
14. All scratches, abrasions and open skin lesions should be covered completely when in the Laboratory.

15. Any cuts sustained in the Laboratory should be treated immediately. A First Aid Officer is available if further treatment is required. All accidents should be reported to the Laboratory Manager and an incident report form should be filled out.

I, __________________________________________, confirm that:

- I have read and understood the above Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it in its entirety.
- I understand that the Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology within the Faculty of Medicine has the right to enforce any or all standards of the Code of Conduct and can impose sanctions, up to and including removal from a lab/unit/program for a violation of the code, unethical use of human material or verbal aggression against staff or students.
- I waive and release all claims against the University that may occur at a time when I am not under the direct supervision of those engaged for this purpose by the University.
- I agree to assume all risks related to losses or damages to my personal property while attending the course/lab, and I therefore waive any claim or cause of action and liability against the above mentioned institution and its employees.
- I agree to assume all of the risks related to my own negligence or fault while attending the lab, including personal injury or death, and I hereby WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE McGill University, its governors, employees, agents and students from any and all claims or causes of action, and any liability for personal injury, death, or loss of whatsoever nature or kind caused by my fault or negligence which I or my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else may have, arising out of or in any way related to my use of the human tissue.

Name  __________________________________________

Student Number  _______________________________________

Signature  __________________________________________

Date  __________________________________________