



Form A: Declaration of Intent to Bequeath One's Body

I, _____
SURNAME NAME GIVEN NAMES

being born on _____ / _____ / _____
DD MM YYYY

- **hereby signify my wish to bequeath my body to the University of Waterloo for the purposes of medical education and research.**
- understand that the ultimate decision of whether or not my body may be accepted cannot be considered until the time of death.
- have informed my executor and/or loved ones of my wish. I have left copies of this form with all necessary parties (eg. lawyer, physician, executor, and/or next-of-kin).
- have informed my executor or legal next-of-kin to contact the School of Anatomy immediately upon my death at **519-888-4567 x43717** (if you are calling outside of regular business hours, further instructions will be provided on the voicemail message)
- acknowledge that this decision is ultimately that of my assigned executor or legal next-of-kin.
- acknowledge that a funeral home must be involved and that all charges incurred with regard to the transportation of the body to The University of Waterloo and the gathering of required documentation is the responsibility of the estate.
- understand that my body will be cremated approximately 18 months to 3 years after the time of my death. I recognize that my executor or next-of-kin will have the option of claiming my cremated remains at that time.
- acknowledge that any expenses related to a private interment (burial) are the responsibility of the estate.

Dated: _____ / _____ / _____
DD MM YYYY

Signature _____

Street Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____



Reasons for Refusal of a Donation

While each donation is viewed as a generous gift, the University of Waterloo reserves the right not to accept a body. The following is a list of some of the reasons an individual may not be accepted at the time of death:

- Individual has been deceased for more than 24 hours (we have an after-hours calls service so that we can be reached outside of regular office hours).
- Individual has already been embalmed.
- Individual has or has had an infectious disease (eg. Tuberculosis, hepatitis, AIDS, etc.)
- Individual has tested positive for antibiotic resistant bacteria such as MRSA or VRE.
- Individual has been diagnosed with Jacob-Creutzfeldt disease or rapid onset dementia.
- Individual has experienced major trauma or surgery prior to death (eg. Car accident or open-heart surgery).
- Individual is either extremely emaciated or morbidly obese.
- University of Waterloo has space restrictions at the time of death.*

*The University of Waterloo has a relatively small anatomy program. We will accept as many donations as we can but space restrictions may mean that we are unable to accept at various times throughout the year. In this case, the laboratory supervisor will work with the executor or family members to make alternate arrangements. This may involve contacting McMaster University or The University of Western Ontario. Please note that these programs may have slightly different operating procedures.