INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS
Please keep a copy of this complete packet for your records

At the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine, the Willed Body Program provides anatomical material that is essential for educating students in various health professional programs such as medicine and allied health sciences, as well as some advanced studies in later years of training and residency. Donor bodies may also be used by biomedical scientists in research aimed at the solution of specific health problems or the development of new medical or surgical procedures or devices. In all cases, the Willed Body Program retains control of the body. Our students, faculty, and staff treat each donor with the utmost respect and dignity and are responsible for their treatment in a manner befitting a human body.

WHO MAY DONATE?
Texas law (Health and Safety Code of the State of Texas, Title 8, Chapters 691-693) allows persons 18 years of age or older and competent to make the decision to donate their bodies for use in the advancement of medical science. Donating your body is not a binding contract between the medical school and the individual donating their body. This donation does not require the consent of relatives. If you are interested in being an anatomical donor, complete the Willed Body Program agreement provided, have it properly witnessed by two other persons of legal age, return it to our office, and keep a completed copy for your records. The form does not need to be notarized. Spouses, relatives, neighbors, etc., may sign as witnesses. Having family members witness the form can avoid misunderstanding among the survivors. It is advisable to discuss your wishes with your loved ones who will be responsible for your intentions after death. Many donors do not make it to our program simply because their loved ones did not know of their intentions.

REGISTRATION OF THE FORM WILLING YOUR BODY
If you wish to will your body to The University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine under the foregoing conditions, complete the Willed Body Program agreement and fax, email, or mail it to the Willed Body Program address at the top of this page. After your donation agreement form is entered into our records, you will be mailed a registered copy designating The University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine as the recipient of your body, along with a wallet card that identifies you as a body donor. A copy of the donation form and instructions should be kept with your personal papers, but do not place it in a safe deposit box in a bank vault. It is important to use these forms and follow this procedure, since a bank box may not be opened, or your formal Last Will and Testament may not be read until it is too late to comply with your intentions to have your body used for medical purposes. Other copies of the form may be provided to inform the person who is likely to manage your affairs at the time of your death that you wish your body to be used in medical science. Also notify your family, attorney, doctor, and friends of your bequest. It may be helpful to provide a copy of the donation agreement to the funeral home of your choice. A donor may cancel their bequest in writing at any time.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF YOUR BODY TO THE UNIVERSITY
Bodies for medical studies must be specially embalmed as soon after death as reasonably possible; if embalming is not begun within six to ten hours of death, the body may not be acceptable. At the time of death, family members or medical staff should contact the Willed Body Program, (210) 283-6414, 24/7, immediately after a doctor, nurse, or Justice of the Peace has made a pronouncement of death. In case of difficulty in reaching the department office phone, please call our contracted mortuary service at (210) 924-4137. The Willed Body Program can help make transportation arrangements. If the family prefers to make private transportation arrangements with a funeral home, the Willed Body Program should be informed at the time of death and then called by the funeral home when the body is ready to be released.; in this case, it may be helpful to provide a copy of the Willed Body Program forms and these instructions to the chosen funeral home.
If a funeral is desired, it must be coordinated with the Willed Body Program, our office notified at the time of death and all services must adhere to a strict timetable. The funeral home handling the services must comply with our strict embalming protocol. Failure to do so may affect the eligibility of the donation. All funeral services must be conducted before the University takes possession of the remains. The Willed Body Program should be called soon after the service, to arrange for transporting of the body.

**FINAL DISPOSITION OF REMAINS**

After the study of the body is completed, the remains will be cremated. It is not unusual for the length of study to require three (3) to five (5) years, but it may be shorter. We will neither promise nor agree to a time span for the length of our studies. Available cremated remains will **NOT** be returned to the family. **ALL cremated remains will be INTERRED at a site designated by the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine at no cost to the family.** Each year a Service of Remembrance and Gratitude will be held for those individuals and their families who have donated their physical beings or their loved ones to medical education. If family members or friends would like to attend the Memorial Services, please provide a valid email address to receive an invitation when your loved one is included in the service.

**COST**

The University of the Incarnate Word will pay nominal fees for the mortician’s basic services in preparation and transportation of your body from the place of death to the University when death occurs within 100 miles of San Antonio. Additional mileage costs will be the responsibility of the family. These rates are set by and paid to our local contracted mortuary service. **The Willed Body Program will not accept charges for funeral home services, memorial/funeral services, counseling, etc., or for transportation of bodies beyond 100 miles from San Antonio.** If the death occurs closer to another University Medical School, families are referred there to minimize cost, but cannot guarantee success in this effort. The families may have to complete that institution’s donation forms. We do not accept body donations from other states or out of the country. If you move out of this institution’s radius, your donation agreement to this University should be canceled in writing, and a substitute arrangement made with an approved institution closer to your new home.

**EXCLUSIONS**

Human bodies are an essential benefit and are used mainly in medical training and education of physicians and health professional students and for some minor medical research and procedures. The usefulness of a body is greatly diminished if all parts are not intact. Therefore, bodies with parts removed at the time of death for transplant purposes or during an autopsy will not be accepted to the Willed Body Program. A Willed Body Program donor cannot be an organ donor. Exceptions to this general rule are that the corneas (but not the whole eyes) may be donated to an eye bank (through a separate willing or donation process).

The Willed Body Program cannot guarantee acceptance of a willed body. A body will not be acceptable if any of the following conditions are present:

1. Removal of organs (**organ donors are not accepted, except those donating corneas only**) that have been removed at or following the time of death for transplantation or in an autopsy.
2. Decomposition of the body prior to embalming.
3. Severe trauma, such as death from drowning, burning, homicide, suicide, or motor vehicle accident.
4. Open wounds, recent major surgery, or ulceration of the body.
5. Contagious diseases, especially viral, such as virulent herpes, hepatitis, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, MRSA, and other drug-resistant infectious diseases, as well as dementias from Creutzfeldt-Jacob.
6. Excessive obesity, fluid retention weight (edema), emaciation, or body contractures.
7. No one over 6.5ft. tall.
8. No amputations.
9. Ruptured aneurysm.
10. Malignancy that has spread to involve multiple adjacent organs, especially within the abdominal region.

If a body is rendered unfit for use in anatomical studies for these or other reasons, the survivors will need to make other arrangements for the final disposition of the body. In addition, there is not a guarantee that a body will be acceptable at the time of death. The Willed Body Program reserves the right to refuse any donation which is, in the opinion of the Director, unfit for its use.
WILLED BODY PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Mail, Email, or Fax the original completed forms to:
Willed Body Program • 7615 Kennedy Hill • San Antonio, Texas 78235
Email to: willedbodyprogram@uiwtx.edu or Fax to: (210) 283-6414

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS COMPLETE PACKET FOR YOUR RECORDS
If you have questions about the program or need help completing these forms, please call (210) 283-6414

Select One: □ New Registration  □ Updating Registration

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my desire that upon my death my body be donated to THE UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE, for the purpose of advancement of medical and research education as provided by the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas. Therefore, I have instructed my next of kin or appointed representative in charge of my body to notify the Willed Body Program of the institution named above, (210) 283-6414, at the time of my death, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

I AGREE TO NOTIFY THE WILLED BODY PROGRAM OF ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBERS.

Donor’s Full Name: (Mr./ Mrs./ Ms./ Miss) ____________________________________________________________ (CIRCLE ONE) FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Marital Status: □ Married  □ Widowed  □ Divorced  □ Never Married  □ Unknown  Social Security #: ___________________

AKA: ___________________________________________ Date of Birth: ___________________ MONTH / DAY / YEAR

Residential Address: ___________________________________________ County of Residence: ______________

City: ___________________________ State: __________________ Zip Code: ___________________

Phone (Hm., Cell, Wk.): ___________________________ Alt. Phone (Hm., Cell, Wk., Fax): ___________________________

Email: ___________________________________________ Alt. Email: ___________________________________________

SIGNATURE OF DONOR: ___________________________ Date Signed: ____________________

Due to the nature and variability of uses for scientific education and research, cremated remains or any by-products, of the cremation process, WILL NOT be returned. ALL cremated remains will be * INTERRED * at a site designated by the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine at no cost to the family.

Next of Kin Name: ___________________________________________ Address _____________________________

(Please Print Name) ___________________________________________ Email _____________________________

Relationship _______ Phone Number _______ City _______ State _______ Zip _______

TWO WITNESSES REQUIRED {FAMILY MEMBERS SUGGESTED}

Signature of witness ___________________________ Date _______ Address _____________________________ Email _____________________________

Name (please print) ___________________________ Age _______ City _____________________________ State _______ Zip _______ Phone # _____________________________

Signature of witness ___________________________ Date _______ Address _____________________________ Email _____________________________

Name (please print) ___________________________ Age _______ City _____________________________ State _______ Zip _______ Phone # _____________________________

I understand that determination of actual acceptance for donation cannot be determined until the actual time of death, and that a representative of University of the Incarnate Word Willed Body Program reserves the right to refuse the donation if the body does not meet our criteria. Please have alternative contingency plans made to cover this possibility.

Complaints or inquiries regarding a donated body should be directed to the secretary-treasurer of the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas. The name and address of this individual may be obtained from the institution to which the body was delivered and is listed in the Texas State Telephone Directory.
WILLED BODY PROGRAM VITAL STATISTICS INFORMATION

(Please Print in Black or Blue Ink or Type All Applicable Information and Return with Will Body Program Packet)

1. LEGAL NAME OF DECEASED (First, Middle, Last) (Include AKA’s if any) | (Maiden) | 2. DATE OF DEATH (Actual or Presumed)

3. SEX | 4. DATE OF BIRTH | 5. AGE (Years) | 6. BIRTHPLACE (City & State or Foreign Country)

7. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | 8. MARITAL STATUS AT TIME OF DEATH | □ Married | □ Widowed | □ Divorced | □ Never | □ Unknown

9. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give name prior to first marriage)

10a. RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS | 10b. APT NO. | 10c. CITY OR TOWN

10d. COUNTY | 10e. STATE | 10f. ZIP CODE

10g. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? | □ YES | □ NO

11. FATHER’S NAME | 12. MOTHER’S NAME (LAST NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE)

13. PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one)

DEATH OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL | DEATH OCCURRED SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN A HOSPITAL

□ Inpatient | □ ER/Outpatient | □ DOA | □ Hospice Facility | □ Nursing Home | □ Decedent’s Home | □ Other (Specify) ________________

14. COUNTY OF DEATH | 15. CITY/TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) | 16. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street address)

17. LEGAL NEXT OF KIN or INFORMANT'S NAME & RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED | 18. MAILING ADDRESS OF Next of Kin or INFORMANT (Street and Number, City, State, Zip Code)

43. DECEKENT’S EDUCATION (Check the box that best describes the highest degree or level of school completed at the time of death)

□ 8th grade or less | □ 9th-12th grade, no diploma | □ High school graduate or GED completed | □ Some college credit, but no degree.

□ AA, AS | □ BA | □ MA | □ PhD | □ MD

44. DECEKENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN

□ No, not Spanish, Hispanic/Latino

□ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano

□ Yes, Puerto Rican

□ Yes, Cuban

□ Yes, other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

(Specify) ________________

45. DECEKENT’S RACE

□ White

□ Black or African American

□ American Indian or Alaska Native

□ Asian Indian

□ Chinese

□ Filipino

□ Japanese

□ Korean

□ Vietnamese

□ Other Asian (Specify)

□ Native Hawaiian

□ Guamanian or Chamorro

□ Samoan

□ Other Pacific Islander (Specify)

□ Other (Specify) ________________

46. EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?

□ Yes | □ No | □ Unknown

Branch of Military: ________________

47. EVER A PEACE OFFICER IN THIS STATE?

□ Yes | □ No

48. OCCUPATION (List last applicable occupation. (Do not list “Retired”) | 49. TYPE OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY (Do not list “Employer’s Name”)

By signing below, I agree that all information listed above is true and accurate. I have also verified that spellings and dates are correct. I understand that the state of Texas charges a fee of $15 for the amendment to correct the death certificate. There will also be additional fees if I need to re-purchase corrected death certificates from the State. I understand that I will be responsible for paying these fees if any errors needing to be corrected are a result of inaccurate information, misspellings, or incorrect dates on this document. I also understand that any such corrections could take up to six months to be corrected at the State Bureau of Vital Records in Austin.

________________________________________________
Signature

_______________________________________________                        _________________________________________________
Relationship        Date

Print Name

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