

Procedures for Funeral Directors

Please contact SIU School of Medicine prior to making arrangements with the family of the potential donor. SIU School of Medicine does not make the final decision to accept a donation until after death.

Phone: (618) 453-8438

Criteria for Anatomical Donation:

- Maximum body size is 6' tall and 20" elbow to elbow.
- Maximum weight is 200 pounds.
- Bodies that have been autopsied, severe trauma, decomposition, or used for organ donations (other than corneas) are not accepted by SIU School of Medicine.
- Individuals with any of the following conditions will not be acceptable donors: AIDS/HIV, sepsis, Hepatitis B or C, Herpes II, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, meningitis, Paget's disease, staphylococcus (including MRSA), C. difficile infection, or tuberculosis. This includes for both the primary cause of death or contributing factors.
- Time between death and the donation may be a factor. The donation should take place **within 24 hours from the time of death** unless other arrangements have been made with SIU School of Medicine.

SIU School of Medicine does not allow pre-registration. Completing forms in advance does not guarantee donation. Families are encouraged to prepare secondary arrangements in the event the donation is not able to be completed.

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All documents listed below must accompany the donor when delivery is made to SIU School of Medicine. A donation will not be accepted if the necessary documents are not complete or if documentation is not available at the time of delivery. Due to institutional policy, no exceptions will be made.

Required Documentation:

- An Anatomical Donation form that has been signed by the donor or next of kin. **The signature of the individual authorizing the donation needs to be witnessed by two individuals that are not related to the donor.**
- A copy of a death certificate signed by the doctor and registrar with the cause of death listed.
- Permit for Disposition of Dead Human Body with SIU School of Medicine, Carbondale, IL, listed as the location of disposition (**VR-204**).
- Coroner's Permit to Cremate. List SIU School of Medicine, Carbondale, IL, as the crematory location (**VR-204.1-Yellow Copy**). The IVRS system will not allow a Coroner's Permit to Cremate to be generated for an anatomical donation or scientific study, so a paper copy will need to be obtained from the coroner or registrar.
- The Authorization for Disposal of Cremated Remains form signed by the donor, or their next of kin, stating their intentions for the cremated remains following cremation. This is required if they choose to have the cremated remains returned. For those who do not wish to have cremated remains returned, please indicate this intention on this form. **We prefer to have the cremated remains returned to the funeral home if acceptable.**

**SIU School of Medicine reserves the right to deny any anatomical donation.
Prearrangement of donation is no guarantee of acceptance.**