

CODE OF PRACTICE - DISSECTING ROOM

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1. The study of human cadaveric material is carried out under The Anatomy Act 1984 as amended by The Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006. Under the Act, cadavers may be used by people with an interest and need to study human anatomy in premises that are licensed for that purpose. The premises covered by the Act are the Dissecting Room (DR), the Monroe Maximilian Broad Anatomy Resource Centre (MMBARC) and all anatomy preparation rooms.

2. Under The Act, its Regulations, Code of Practice and local rules, staff and students are required to properly respect those people who have donated their bodies. Breaches to the Act make a person liable for University disciplinary procedures and, in addition, may be a criminal offence.

3. **Respect for Donated Human Material and Security.** The opportunity for Medical students to learn anatomy by dissection is a privilege which relies on the generosity of people who donate their bodies to the School of Medicine. It is important that you respect their generosity, maintain confidentiality and behave professionally at all times; handle all specimens with care and respect. As a result **students must not:**

- take human tissue outside the licensed premises
- remove medical histories from the DR
- bring any person into the DR or MMBARC unless approved by a Licensed Teacher
- take photographs or any other form of electronic images in the DR or MMBARC
- bring mobile phones, tablets or personal computers into the DR during organised teaching.
- access web content with prohibited or illegal material, in line with the University's Policy and Governance about computer use or access web content using DR infrastructure unsupervised
- wear hats in the DR or come in the DR with shorts or uncovered legs

During private study students may bring devices into the DR, under the condition that they consent to having the camera/s on their device covered. The school accepts no responsibility for any damage to that device caused by this action.

4. **Health and Safety.** Embalmed cadavers present no known health hazard and the level of chemicals used in the embalming process is well within the limits set by health and safety regulations. All students must comply with the specific health and safety rules for the DR:

- Students must wear a white coat, safety glasses and use the gloves provided when in the DR. White coats used in the DR should not be worn beyond the anatomy corridor.
- Students should wear appropriate shoes in case instruments fall from the table.
- Splashes to the eye should be washed immediately with tap water.
- Minor injuries should be reported to DR staff, washed immediately with soap and water and protected (plasters are available from the DR office). More serious injuries must also be reported to the Medical School Office and an incident report form completed.
- Students will be advised about and must follow the procedure for correct use and disposal of blades (see Sharps Policy document).
- Spillages of fluid should be reported to a member of staff.
- Students should not attempt to rotate the dissecting tables alone, a member of staff will assist if called.
- Students must wash their hands carefully before leaving the DR.

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- Student should leave the work area clean and tidy and ensure that all instruments are cleaned and safely packed away.
- Students must not bring food, drink, bags or coats into the DR. Students should not take food or drink into the MMBARC.

Print Name _____ Class and DR Table (*eg. MD2001 Table 6*) _____
Signature _____ Date _____