LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER – SHREVEPORT

BODY DONATION

Purpose:

To define the protocol for body donation at University Hospital.

Policy:

1. Any person wishing to donate his/her body should contact the Director of Anatomical Services, Department of Anatomy at extension 675-5320 or 675-5312. Bodies will not be accepted unless necessary paperwork is completed prior to death.

2. If the patient, at the time of death, has a donor card indicating he/she met and completed the necessary requirements to donate his/her body, the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy should be notified immediately at 675-5313, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If at night or on a weekend or a holiday, notify University Police at 675-6165.

3. The donated body must not be previously autopsied or embalmed. The Director of Anatomical Services reserves the right to reject any body that has damaged tissue. The Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy will not accept body donation from persons with highly communicable diseases or if the person weighs 225 lbs or more.

Administrator

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