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The donation of a body for medical education and research is a most commendable humanitarian act. In order to facilitate this donation the following preparations must be made and regulations followed:

- If you are donating your own body, or the body of your next of kin, check the appropriate box. Your signature and the signature of two (2) witnesses are required.
- Complete the Confidential Statistical Information sheet. The personal data requested on this form is used for statistical purposes. Complete, sign and return this form with the Certificate for Bequeathing Body form.
- A donor card will be mailed to donors upon receipt of a copy of the signed and witnessed bequeathal form.
- The following is a sequence of telephone numbers to be called at the time of death:

(914) 594-4025 or (845) 735-4849

- The College has the right to decline a donation due to recent surgery, autopsy, infectious disease, decomposition, or obesity.
  - New York Medical College will pay the Funeral Director's expenses for transportation if within a 75-mile radius of the Valhalla campus. All expenses relating to death certificates will be the responsibility of the donor's family and/or estate.
- If you wish to donate your eyes to an eye bank, please contact: The Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005-3902. Telephone: (212) 742-9000. This would not prevent donation of your body.

After completion of the scientific research and study (approximately 2 years from the time of death), the remains are cremated privately in a dignified manner. The Medical College holds its own memorial service each spring in grateful acknowledgment of the donation. Family members are invited. If you wish, the cremains can be returned to a Funeral Director for burial or to a designated individual (see Confidential Statistical Information sheet). Burial without cremation can be arranged through your Funeral Director at your own expense.

Thank you for your interest in advancing medical research.