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College of Osteopathic Medicine

LETTER OF INFORMATION

Dear Donor:

Thank you for your interest in the Anatomical Gift Program of the Department of Anatomy at the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic. Your decision to donate your body to medical education and research is greatly appreciated and will contribute to the advancement of medical science and the training of a new generation of physicians.

Instructions:

Please complete the following forms and return them to the Department of Anatomy:

1. Anatomical Gift Form – signed by donor and witnessed by two others.
2. Personal Data Form – The information contained on this form is required for filing of the death certificate.
3. Permission for Release of Remains Form – signed by next-of-kin, guardian, or estate executor at the time of death, and witnessed by two others.
4. Return of Cremated Remains Form – Filled out and signed by donor or next-of-kin either in advance or at the time of death. This form allows for the cremated remains to be delivered to a family member or funeral home after study is completed.

The completion and submission of these forms does not constitute a legal contract in any way. The donating of one's body after death is taken simply as an expression of one's personal desire; he or she is simply making a prior arrangement with an institution that would be complying with these wishes. The donor may change his or her mind at any time. Should the donor wish to make the wish a legal requirement, this may be done by adding a codicil to his or her will as follows: *I hereby direct that after my death my body shall be delivered to the Department of Anatomy at NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine, for purposes of medical study or research. I further direct that my body shall be delivered to said location as soon as possible after my death without autopsy or embalming.*

At the time of the donor's death either the attending physician, family member, hospital, or other attendant should call (516) 686-3957. This telephone number is answered 24 hours a day