Pledge of Respect

Policies and Procedures Applicable to University of Florida Students and Residents/Fellows

Once a donated human anatomical specimen is made accessible to a faculty member of the University of Florida, the responsibility for the security and proper storage of the human anatomical specimen is that of the faculty member and the faculty member’s program. Consonant with this responsibility, every student and resident having access to human anatomical specimens under the supervision of the faculty member will be required to sign the following pledge prior to having access to a donated human anatomical specimen provided by the Anatomical Board:

Pledge of Respect for the Sanctity of Donated Human Anatomical Specimens

I, the undersigned University of Florida student, resident or fellow, recognize that the bequest of human remains to the Anatomical Board of the State of Florida represents a direct and important contribution to medical teaching and research. Such donations allow health professional faculty and students the opportunity to closely examine, evaluate, and understand the detailed structure of the human body. Further, the caring and thoughtfulness of such bequests provides physicians and research scientists with the opportunity to gain knowledge that may prolong, improve, or save someone’s life. Without such bequests, medical science and health care would suffer devastating setbacks.

In recognition of the generosity of such bequests, I understand that the policy of the University of Florida is to treat donated human anatomical specimens with the utmost respect and gratitude at all times, and I pledge to comply with this policy. I acknowledge that NO PHOTOGRAPHY of any part of any human specimen is permitted without permission from the Executive Director of the Anatomical Board. I further pledge that the donated human anatomical specimens to which I have access will remain in specific teaching/research rooms or storage space approved for such use by the Anatomical Board, unless a signed authorization for transfer elsewhere has been executed by the Executive Director of the Anatomical Board of the State of Florida or his/her authorized designee. I further pledge to comply with all applicable requirements for timely return of human anatomical specimens to the Anatomical Board of the State of Florida.

Signature   Date

Typed or Printed Name: __________________________________________
Title: ________________________________________________________
Department/College: __________________________________________

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