



BODY DONATION PROTOCOL

Nursing Homes, Hospitals and other Inpatient Medical Facilities:

The University of Cincinnati, Body Donation Program requires pre-registration into the program, which means a Body Bequeathal Form must be completed and signed by the donor prior to their death. The state of Ohio does not allow any other person to sign or donate a relative while the person is still living regardless of power of attorney.

Once a registered donor has passed away, the medical facility is responsible for notifying the University of Cincinnati, Body Donation Program by calling 513-558-5612. Laura Garrison is the Program Director. Normal office hours for the Body Donation Program are M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. During normal working hours, the medical facility should assist the family in making transportation arrangements to the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. The family makes the decision on who will be transporting, either a funeral home or ambulance service, but the medical facility can make the arrangements. Transportation is the only expense to the family. If death occurs anywhere other than Ohio, a Funeral Home must be used. If it is after 4:00 p.m, weekends or holidays the medical facility will still need to notify the University of Cincinnati by calling 513-558-5612 and leave a voicemail message regarding the donor's death, date and time, as well as, who will be transporting the body. **ALL PRE-REGISTERED DECEASED DONORS** should once again get transported to The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS) as they have an on-call lab assistant after 4:00 pm. CCMS is located at 645 West North Bend Road, Cincinnati, OH. A copy of the body bequeathal form, registration confirmation letter **or** donor card **MUST** accompany the body to CCMS in order for the body to be stored at their facility. The family of the donor is not charged for storage of the body at CCMS. **The medical facility or transportation service MUST contact The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science 30 minutes prior to their arrival by calling 513-761-3773.**

Death at Home (Not Under Hospice Care)

If death occurs at home and the deceased is not under Hospice Care, a phone call will need to be made to the local police department. At that time, a sheriff will be dispatched to the home and will contact the county coroner's office to determine if the death should be turned over to the coroner or released. If the death is ruled a coroner's case, the local county coroner will transport to their facility. If the death is not ruled a coroner's case then the body will be released and ready to be transported to the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. The same guidelines as above will apply.