

La Trobe University
School of Human Biosciences
ANATOMY LABORATORY CODE OF CONDUCT

HS2 106/107/108/109/110 at Bundoora campus

In Victoria, the study of human anatomy is regulated and governed by an Act of Parliament. La Trobe University is gazetted under the Human Tissue Act as a 'School of Anatomy' and this code of conduct outlines the requirements of all users of the anatomy laboratories under the Act.

The cadavers used in the laboratories at La Trobe University have been donated to the University of Melbourne Body Donor Program. As such this Code of Conduct acknowledges:

- the altruistic donation of bodies for the purposes of teaching, research and/or the conduct of workshops,
- the need for respectful handling of all bodies and/or body parts as an ethical requirement, and
- the consent agreed to by body donors that their body be used for the purposes of teaching, research and/or the conduct of workshops

Access to Anatomy laboratories

- Anatomy laboratories are for the use of Anatomy classes and other approved anatomical examinations only. All users should carry La Trobe University (staff or student) identity cards to confirm their identity upon request.
- Wet lab classes must be run under the instruction of an anatomy tutor. Unless specific approval has been given, no student is to be in the wet labs without a tutor.

Appropriate use of cadaveric material

- Given the generous and altruistic nature of the donation, it is important that cadaveric material is treated with care and respect at all times both in the laboratory and in other contexts (e.g., in conversations with others that may take place outside of the laboratory).
- Cadaveric material is expensive both financially and in staff time to prepare and maintain. The specimens which you will be handling have been carefully dissected to display certain features. Rough handling of the material will lead to damage and deterioration, so please handle the specimens carefully so that they will continue to be available for your use and future students.
- Under **no circumstances** should any cadaveric material be **photographed** in any way. Mobile phone use is banned in the anatomy laboratories.
- Under **no circumstances** whatsoever may any cadaveric material be **removed** from an anatomy laboratory.

Occupational Health & Safety

In any laboratory there is potential for damage to specimens or injury to yourself or your classmates. Therefore it is important for all students to avoid dangerous and/or antisocial practices and, in particular, to observe the following:

- There is to be **no eating, drinking** or smoking in the wet labs.
- **Closed shoes** (no thongs or sandals) and gloves must be worn at all times in the wet laboratories.
- Gloves are provided and **must be worn** for the handling of cadaveric material. Dispose of your used gloves in the rubbish bins provided.
- **Laboratory gowns** are supplied but their use is optional.
- Do not move specimens from the table on which they are displayed. They may be turned over if required. Check with your tutor about turning larger specimens as these can be very heavy and may require several people to turn them safely.
- If you spill alcohol on the bench from the trays, please wipe it up with the towels provided. If a spill is onto the floor inform your tutor and they will locate the mop and bucket to enable the spill to be cleaned up.
- **Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water** before leaving the wet area.
- If you have received a small cut or any other injury during the course of the practical, **inform your tutor immediately**. If it is necessary they will arrange for first aid or other medical attention.
- If at any stage during the wet class you are feeling ill, please **tell your tutor** before you leave the area.