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Are there any age qualifications?

There is no upper age limit for donation, but donors must be over the age of 30.

Does the University accept all donors?

No. Every potential donor is appreciated, but some conditions will not allow for donation to occur. The University reserves the right to decline any donation if considered unsuitable. For this reason it is recommended that alternate arrangements be made in advance. For more information on what conditions may prevent body donation, please visit the FAQ in our website.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Since 1950, the UBC Body Donation Program, rooted from the start in respect and dignity for the donors, provides learners and health care professionals with an extraordinary learning experience. We train more than 1,000 individuals each year, each of whom will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of many thousands in the coming decades.

Individuals who wish to make a significant contribution to the program can choose to donate indefinitely. A portion of their body may be retained to benefit all students of anatomy for years to come. You can be assured that your donation will be handled with the same care and respect that everyone deserves from their health care professionals.



The UBC Faculty of Medicine

Body Donation Program

Have more questions?

E-mail Address

body.program@ubc.ca

Phone Number

Contact Tel: 604-822-2578
Fax: 604-827-4209

Our Location

Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences
Faculty of Medicine
2350 Health Sciences Mall
Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z3

Website

cps.med.ubc.ca/body-donation



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Why Donate?

Learning from human bodies makes a significant educational impact on students training to be healthcare professionals. Students develop a strong skill set and hands on anatomical training from which essential knowledge about the human body grows. Nine out of ten UBC MD graduates who completed their residency at UBC end up practicing in BC, giving back to our local communities.

From death comes life. Body donors provide a service to future generations that carries on long after they have passed. Their thoughtful choice provides students and practicing health care professionals with an invaluable experience that can not be replicated by a video or captured in a text book.

Those who learn from our donors are grateful for the unique gift that a donation represents. Respect and dignity are the core principles, understood and reflected, by professors, students, and staff. Beginning with your enrollment, you can be assured that you will be shown the highest degree of care by UBC. Faculty and students continue to embody these principles throughout the educational process.



Dr. Olusegun Oyedele,
Associate Professor at UBC.

"It is profound how death results in life. How someone who has died can then live on, in the hands and in the heart of our students, as they go about practicing their medicine over many years. I would say that our donors actually create legacy with that donation."

To hear more testimonies from those involved with the program, check our website.

THE DONATION PROCESS

Before Passing



1. Filling Consent Forms

To give consent, please complete two copies of the appropriate consent form that applies to your situation. **Forms are available on our website, on the donation process page.** After signing both copies of the consent form, return one copy to UBC and deposit the other with a close family member or your physician, who will be in a position to carry out your wishes at the appropriate time.

2. It is recommended that you notify and discuss this decision with:

- ✓ Your next of kin
- ✓ Executor of your estate
- ✓ Your physician.
- ✓ Anyone else potentially involved in the donation process.

After Passing



1. Contacting UBC

The executor, next of kin, or health care professional must contact the UBC Body Donation Program at **604-822-2578** as soon as possible. The body must be received by UBC within 72 hours of death. If death occurs outside regular business hours (8am-4pm, Mon-Fri), please leave a detailed message, then contact Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services at **604-857-5779**.

2. Determining if a body is appropriate for donation

The decision of whether to accept the donation is made as soon as possible and the family or executor will be notified.

3. Transportation & arrangements

Once accepted, we will make all of the necessary arrangements and cover all costs for transport to UBC by our approved and licensed transport provider.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the costs involved?

The University covers all transportation costs throughout BC and the cost of cremation.

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How long will the donation remain at UBC?

Up to a maximum of **3 years**, but donors have the option to register indefinitely where a portion may be retained for use in teaching, training, and research. After use, the University will arrange for and provide cremation of the remains with Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Services. An executor/Next of kin will be contacted to collect the ashes in a simple urn provided by the University.