



## **Gross Anatomy Laboratory - Policies**

- Medical Sciences Building Room 483 and Dental Sciences Building Room 4001 are for students enrolled in Anatomy courses only and may not be entered by any unauthorized persons. Authorization for access is granted by the Clinical Anatomy Executive.
- 2. While in the lab, you will work with cadavers and cadaveric specimens. Your work station, and instruments are shared with other students and must be washed and disinfected before you leave the lab each day. Respect for our donors is paramount and it is important to leave them and your work station in a clean and organized fashion. See procedures for cleaning and disinfection for steps to follow.
- 3. Students are assigned a locker to share with their group, you must leave your personal effects in this locker or in your locker downstairs while you're in the lab. No backpacks or personal effects are allowed in the lab.
- 4. Cell phones and cameras are prohibited.
- 5. You are given access to a specific bone box either at your table, or in your locker for your group use only. These bones are delicate and should be treated carefully. It is expected that at the end of the year these bones will be accounted for and in good condition, otherwise your group may be responsible for the purchase of a new set.
- 6. Students MUST come to the lab in appropriate attire. Lab coats, surgical gloves, and safety glasses must be worn at all times. Safety glasses must be worn over your regular glasses unless they are prescription safety eyewear. Footwear must be closed toe. It is equally as important to remove your gloves before you leave the lab. Lab coats and safety glasses should be kept in your assigned anatomy locker.
- 7. There is to be no food or drink in the lab.

If these, or other rules are not followed, you may be asked to leave the laboratory.

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  - a) Once every lab has been completed, students must ensure the cadaver is clean from any dissection debris.
  - b) Skin flaps must be returned to proper places on the donor to prevent excessive dehydration.
  - c) The interior of the bag must be wiped down with paper towel and paper towel and debris must be disposed of properly. (see #2 &#3)
  - d) The body bag must be zipped up entirely and the outside of the bag cleaned with the available cleaning solutions spray bottles found throughout the lab.
- 2. Cadaveric waste must be placed in the rubbermaid bin found beneath your table. This is to ensure that the pieces removed are sent for cremation with the donor.
- 3. Paper towels used to clean the inside and outside of the body bag should be placed in the large green bins scattered throughout the room. These are biohazard waste bins and will be sent for incineration.
- 4. Scalpel blades should be removed from the handles (carefully! See a lab tech or a TA if you need a lesson on how to do this properly) and disposed of in the red biohazard sharps buckets found throughout the room.
- 5. Dissection tools should be washed in the basins in the large sink in the SW corner of the lab. Ensure that you have cleaned (2 scalpel handles, 2 probes, 4 pairs of forceps, 3 pairs of scissors) then place the thoroughly cleaned instruments on the shelf beneath your table. The lab technicians will come by between labs and soak these instruments in a disinfectant solution.
- 6. Any prosections that you have used must be placed back in their numbered containers with the lid sealed completely.
- 7. Remove your gloves and place them in the garbage cans by the handwashing sinks. These are the regular waste stream taken care of by facilities management.
- 8. If at any time you are injured in the lab, please advise your TA and seek out Haley Linklater (the Lab Supervisor) or Kevin Walker (Lab Technician). First Aid will be administered if necessary and the appropriate Accident/Incident Report forms must be filled out.
- 9. In case of emergency, please dial 911 on the lab telephone located in the middle of the lab on the west wall above the first aid kit. Report the situation and be advised the room number is Medical Sciences Building Room 483.
- 10. Please ask your TA or one of the lab technicians if there is anything you are not certain of, or if you need advice. These protocols are in place to protect your safety and preserve the dignity of our donors.