

Human Body Donor Program

Frequently Asked Questions



Which form do I complete to indicate my wishes to donate my body to the Queen's University Human Body Donor Program?

Please complete form entitled 'The Anatomy Act – Province of Ontario' Part 1.

Do I also complete Part 2 of The Anatomy Act – Province of Ontario form?

No. Part 2 is completed prior to death by someone who has Power of Attorney if you are unable to make this decision yourself

OR

Part 2 is completed after death by your next-of-kin or the person legally in possession of your body if Part 1 was not completed prior to death.

Do I have to complete the form entitled 'Direction to the Medical School'?

No. This form is to be completed after death by your next-of-kin or executor in order to indicate whether your cremated remains will be buried in the Queen's Plot at the Cataraqui Cemetery, or if they will be returned to your next-of-kin or executor for a private burial.

Is my body automatically accepted for donation?

No, acceptance is not automatic. In some situations bodies are not accepted for donation. Some examples are:

- 1) serious infectious disease
- 2) septicemia (infection of the blood)
- 3) emaciation (abnormally thin) or obesity (extremely overweight)
- 4) recent major surgery
- 5) accidental death
- 6) autopsy

If accepted, how does my body get to Queen's University?

Your next-of-kin / executor will arrange with a Funeral Home or Cremation Service for your body to be transported to Queen's University. These arrangements are paid for by your estate.

How long will Queen's University keep my body?

Queen's University could keep you for up to three years at which point you will be cremated and then either interred in the Queen's University plot at the Cataraqui Cemetery, or returned to your family for a private burial.

Who arranges for and pays for the costs of cremation?

Queen's University covers the cremation costs. Additionally, Queen's University will either pay for you to be interred in the Queen's University plot at the Cataraqui Cemetery or Queen's University will pay for the cost to return your cremated remains to your family.

How are my cremated remains returned to my family?

Cremated remains are returned to your family using Priority Post. However, if your family prefers, they may pick up your cremated remains directly from the Cataraqui Cemetery.

What if my family changes their mind and would like my cremated remains returned to them prior to the end of the three-year period?

This is not a problem. If the arrangements are not working for your family, we are happy to have your remains returned to them at their request.

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