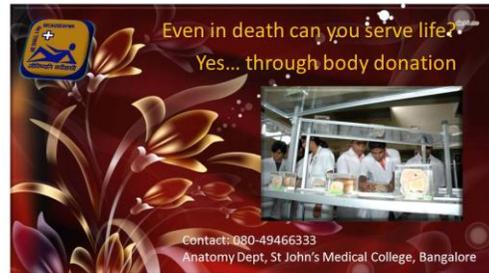


ST. JOHN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE BANGALORE.560034 .

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

Body donation: Instructions to Donors and relatives

1. After death, your body can be used for teaching medical and other healthcare students. It can also be used for medical research. Hence it is a noble gesture to donate your body for the cause of health care education. Your dead body becomes a medical teacher and you will be teaching the budding doctors and other healthcare professionals. You will have the supreme satisfaction that even after death you will be rendering a commendable service to humanity. The following guidelines will help you and your relatives to take appropriate decisions and steps in fulfilling this..



2. A dead body begins to decompose by 6-8 hours after death. After 24 hours the utility of the body for purposes of medical education and research is limited. Hence the department will be grateful if the relatives/friends of the deceased can arrange to bring the body to the department within 6 -8 hours after death. We will embalm the body (chemical preservation to prevent further deterioration of the body due to decomposition).
3. No preconditions for body donation will be entertained by the institution since we would like to encourage only voluntary body donation.
4. The following documents must accompany the dead body:
  - a. Original and one photocopy of the death certificate from a registered medical practitioner. The original will be returned immediately.
  - b. Consent / No objection from the near relative/guardian if it has not been already sent.

5. In case the donor had wished to donate the eyes, steps should be taken by the relatives for the eyes to be removed within 2 -4 hours after death. Contact the eye bank for needful help. Thereafter they may send the body to the Anatomy department.
6. Voluntary body donation to a medical college for purposes of medical education and research is permitted by the the Karnataka Anatomy Act 1957 and the Karnataka Anatomy ( Amendment Act



1998).

7. For any other details, contact - : 080-49466333, Working hours: 9 am to 4.30 pm from Monday to Friday and from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday. For body donation requests outside working hours contact Dr Stephen Dayal.S - (9845225103) and / or Mr. Satish - 9880962126

8. How to register for body donation:

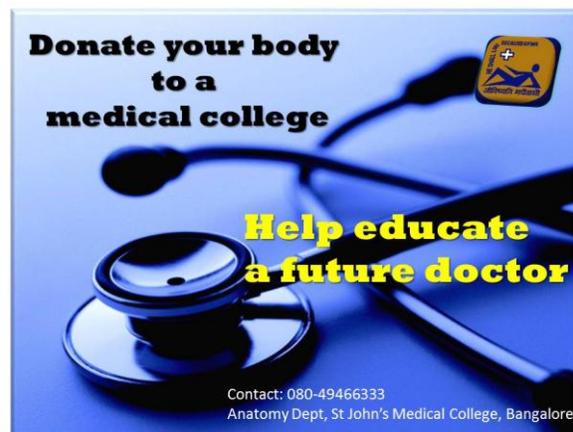
a. Body donation application forms can be downloaded from this section. Discuss with your close relatives, then fill the form, and submit the duly signed document to the following address:

- i. The Professor and Head, Dept of Anatomy, St Johns Medical College, Sarjapura Road, Johnnagar, Bangalore 560034.
- ii. If possible you may visit our department by prior appointment and have a discussion with our faculty. They will clarify your doubts and guide you to fill the application forms.
- iii. Please provide Xerox copies of id proof and address proof of the donor.
- iv. On verification of the document the department will issue a provisional acknowledgement and a donor card. This can be received either in person or by post / courier. Please make sure a copy of donation documents and acknowledgement are shared with your close relatives – specially the ones who will be bringing the body to the department.



9. Is it possible to donate a body without prior registration?

Prior registration is strongly recommended. However in rare cases we accept unregistered donors provided the nearest relatives are willing to donate the body. Please check with the dept before bringing the body.



10. Where is the donor body received ?

Bodies are received at the dept. of Anatomy , here at St John's Medical College. Relatives must submit the death certificate and also provide a written undertaking for handing over the body to the department. The body will be examined in the background of the medical history of the deceased. If found suitable for our use - the department will issue an acknowledgement letter. This letter must be submitted to the city corporation office (Registrar of births and deaths) along with the doctor's death certificate. The corporation death certificate will then be issued by the Registrar of births and deaths.