

IBRDSC Guidance for Acquisition/Use/Disposal of Recognizable Anatomical Materials (Human Body Parts) for Research Purposes

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LSU OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

The LSU Office of Environmental Health & Safety may advise you in this process but does not have an acceptable method for disposal. If you are planning on obtaining human body parts you should register with the Inter-Institutional Biological and Recombinant DNA Safety Committee (IBRDSC). Once you have obtained anatomical materials from a reputable source you must make arrangements with that source to dispose of the materials when you have finished. Additionally, anatomical parts cannot be removed from their primary storage location or area of intended use without permission (especially not off campus).

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The federal government and most states do not regulate body donation through licensure and inspection. Currently body donation is governed by the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, (<http://www.law.upenn.edu/bll/archives/ulc/fnact99/uaga87.htm>), which has been largely adopted by most states. There are varying laws from state to state relating to the transportation and disposition of human bodies. Problems with disposition of body parts have been the cause of large legal settlements and therefore you must be careful where you obtain human cadaveric specimens and how they are disposed of. Make sure you are dealing with a reputable source. You must have the proper paperwork available to document the source, etc. You must provide proper security to insure that there is no unauthorized access to the specimen and that it is properly maintained [depends on whether it is embalmed or fresh (unfixed) material] and that it is used solely for the purpose intended. If the specimen is unfixed you must abide by the OSHA bloodborne pathogen standard.

LSU DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY

The Department of Kinesiology here on the LSU Baton Rouge campus regularly uses human body parts for research and may be able to answer some of your questions also.

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RECOMMENDED SOURCE OF HUMAN MATERIALS:

The LA State University Health Science Center, Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy receive human specimens through donations from the Bureau of Anatomical Specimens for the purpose of research and teaching of human anatomy. All information regarding the donor is private and confidential. Institutions or agencies may request the use of cadaveric specimens for research and/or teaching purposes by contacting the department. Use of such will require reimbursement to the department for costs associated with maintenance, transportation, harvesting, and cremation of cadaveric specimens. All specimens are cremated by the department and either returned to family members or buried in a cemetery. Thus, if specimens are transported to a location outside of the LSUHSC campus, such specimens are returned to the LSUHSC campus for cremation.

They do NOT and will NOT cremate specimens that are received from other organizations. The above reimbursement for specimens is a cost recovery and would require a contract with LSUHSC upon request of the specimens and prior to delivery. If you have any further questions please contact the following individuals:

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