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Body Donations to the UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science

Dear Prospective Donor:

Thank you for thinking about donating your body to the UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science at University College Dublin. Should you decide to donate your body, your generous action will be greatly appreciated and will benefit society for generations to come. You have a unique opportunity to make a lasting and valuable contribution to medical education and research. Through our donor programme you can provide the foundation of knowledge for future doctors, physiotherapists, radiographers and other health care professionals.

For many years, the generous donations of individuals like you have made the study of anatomy possible. Having donated their bodies these individuals have significantly contributed to the education of health care professionals.

Each year, hundreds of young men and women embark on their studies at University College Dublin. At the core of their medical education is anatomy, or the study of the human body. Thanks to the generosity of our donors these students are able to obtain firsthand knowledge of the wondrous workings of the body.

We arrange and pay for transportation to University College Dublin from within a radius of 25 miles (if the distance exceeds 25 miles we have to ask the executor to pay the full cost of transportation). We keep all bodies securely and treat them with respect and dignity at all times. University College Dublin ensures total confidentiality throughout the entire body donation process.



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Unfortunately there are times when we are unable to accept a bequest. This might occur after we have discussed the deceased medical history with their doctor and occasionally we are unable to accept a bequest because of a shortage of appropriate facilities. While it is uncommon that we refuse to accept a donor's body at the time of death, it is important that the donor be aware of this possibility and make alternative plans if it should occur. We cannot accept a body that has had a post mortem performed. Therefore, we advise you to have an alternative plan, in the event that your body is unsuitable for donation.

We hold regular Multi-faith Services of Thanksgiving and Remembrance to acknowledge the very high-minded and charitable bequests made to our medical school. The Multi-faith Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance comprises of music and readings from many different traditions including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism by Medical, Physiotherapy and Radiography students. Our most recent service was held on 04 November 2009 in the Church of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom here on the Belfield Campus. I am enclosing a souvenir copy of our order of service.

In the enclosed brochure, you will find answers to frequently asked questions about our donor programme as well as the form necessary to make your donation. We ask you to read the form carefully, we do not wish any of the information that has been provided to cause you any distress, but at the same time we do want you to fully understand what is involved. If you have any additional questions after reading the brochure please call me at (01) 716 6617 and I will be happy to answer them. Thank you once again for your interest in and support of our programme. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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