

Museum of Human Disease Donor Consent Form (post-mortem donation)

You are invited to donate a pathology specimen from your body to the Museum of Human Disease at UNSW Sydney for the purpose of pathology education and medical research. Your donation will make possible the training of health care professionals as well as the health education of school students and the wider community. The University accepts pathology specimens in accordance with the provisions of the [Human Tissue Act 2003](#). Please take time to read the following points relating to the donor program before completing the Consent Form.

Discussing your wishes with your doctor and next-of-kin or executor

You should discuss with your healthcare provider whether they think donating part of your body will be feasible and advisable. We will require a case history from your healthcare provider and/or a pathologist.

Please note that we can only take post-mortem donations from an autopsy, but autopsies are not often conducted in New South Wales and will require approval from a number of hospital and health authorities. Therefore it's important to note that even with an intention to donate and signed consent forms from your next-of-kin that it may not be possible to arrange for the donation after your death. Your doctor may be able to give you more of an idea on the likelihood of being able to arrange for an autopsy upon your death, so it's important to discuss this with them.

[Your next-of-kin](#) signs the MoHD Donor Consent Form for Post-mortem Donations after your death. The order of seniority of next-of-kin for an adult is as follows: spouse or domestic partner, son or daughter, mother or father, brother or sister. If you do not have an available next-of-kin or executor, you may contact the NSW Trustee & Guardian, as they can be assigned as your executor.

NSW Trustee & Guardian: Telephone: 1300 364 103 Website: www.tag.nsw.gov.au

It is also desirable that you discuss your intentions with the executor(s) of your will. Inserting a provision in your will to the following effect will assist in drawing the attention of your executor(s) to this matter:

