

CHECKLIST

Please ensure that you have:

- Checked that you have completed all sections and question on the form enclosed in this package.**
 - Discussed with your family:**
 - Your wish to donate your body to science?
 - Your preferences as to your disposal of remains at the end of the donation period?
 - The duration of a normal donation i.e. up to **8 years** after your death if your body is deemed 'suitable'. If your body is deemed unsuitable for anatomical examination and you/your next of kin consent to the use of your remains for research, retention may be as short as **one month**.
 - Provided your senior next of kin with a copy of the Information for Donors and Next of Kin of Donors information document.** It is your next of kin the Program Coordinator will communicate with at the time of your death. Next of kin need to be aware of how the Body Donation Program works to minimise distress to them at that difficult time.
 - Read the Information for Donors and Next of Kin of Donors document and understood the conditions that would invalidate your donation. These include if the donor:**
 - Has been significantly affected by certain medical conditions or procedures, such as amputations, unhealed surgical or bed sore wounds or disease such as gangrene.
 - Has undergone an autopsy or whole organ donation.
 - Is obese (90 kg or over) or emaciated (less than 45 kg).
 - Has Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), has 2 or more relatives with CJD, received human pituitary hormone or human growth hormone prior to 1986, received a dura mater graft prior to 1990 or has unexplained progressive neurological illness of less than 12 months.
 - Has received any blood transfusions in the UK since 1 January 1980, or has resided in the UK between 1980 and 1996 for a total (cumulative) time of 6 months or more.
 - Has certain other communicable diseases: hepatitis (all strains), tuberculosis AIDS/HIV, MRSA and VRE (Note: your blood will be tested by the University)**Or if:**
 - Your death is the subject of a Coroner's enquiry
 - Transfer to the University cannot occur within 48 hours of Death.
 - There is insufficient space within the Anatomy Facility for the correct storage of your body.
 - You die during closure periods such as Christmas (3 weeks) or Easter (2 weeks) the specific dates of which will be available by calling 4221 3800 **at that time**
- PLEASE NOW
- Send a copy of the form to the University of Wollongong (a reply paid envelope is included this purpose - this does not apply if you're downloading from the Internet).
 - Retain a copy of the completed form for your own records/ place with your Will.
 - Make a copy for your next of kin and/or your primary health care practitioner (GP) if you wish.