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University of California Policy on Anatomical Materials Programs

The University of California is committed to maintaining a standard of excellence in managing and operating the anatomical materials programs based at UC medical school campuses. These programs, also referred to as willed or donated body programs, provide an invaluable public service by enabling California citizens to donate their bodies to the University to support the education and training of health professionals and to further scientific and research endeavors. It is the policy of the University of California to comply with all laws, regulations and requirements that are applicable to the management and operation of these programs.

To meet this standard, the University maintains governance and oversight structures that ensure clear reporting lines and dual reporting mechanisms on campus and at the Office of the President. Management initiatives and best practices are regularly reviewed, and systemwide guidelines addressing major elements of these programs are in place. Key features include:

- Standard definitions for anatomical materials for use in the allocation, tracking and disposition of materials;
- Information systems, at both the campus and Office of the President levels, that permit tracking of anatomical materials from the time of donation to the time of final disposition;
- Written guidelines for records management and standards for audit, security, staffing and personnel; and
- Systemwide donor forms, developed by the Office of General Counsel, for use by all campus programs to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

The goal of the University is to ensure that anatomical materials programs maintain public confidence in meeting the needs of donors and their families and advancing the health sciences education and research enterprise. Achieving this goal is the responsibility of the program staff, medical school deans, and the Office of the President.