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**Clinical Care – Policy****CC.P.8**

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**SUBJECT/TITLE: Use of Cadaver or Cadaver Parts in Patient Treatment Areas**

- PURPOSE:**
- To establish guidelines for research and/or teaching activities conducted on cadavers or cadaver parts within patient treatment areas of UI Health Care.
  - To prevent transmission of infectious diseases to humans.
  - To ensure the use of cadavers and cadaver parts is conducted in a respectful manner.
  - To segregate instruments and equipment used on cadavers from the patient supply systems.

**SCOPE:** Institutional

**DEFINITIONS:** None

**POLICY:**

- A. Investigators/teachers must obtain approval from the Department Executive Officer of the requesting department and the Chief Medical Officer to bring cadavers or cadaver parts into patient treatment areas within UI Health Care or to use equipment or instruments from UI Health Care on cadavers or cadaver parts.
- B. The Investigator/teacher must communicate scheduled events to additional areas that may include: Program of Hospital Epidemiology, Joint Office of Compliance, Department of Anatomy Deeded Body Program, Department of Pathology, Environmental Services (EVS) and Engineering Services with sufficient notice to be able to accommodate this request.
- C. Scheduled events may not take place during normal business hours unless so approved and may not interfere or delay patient care in any manner. This may mean that the event will be postponed or rescheduled.
- D. A map must be provided to Program of Hospital Epidemiology for approved transport of the cadaver or cadaver parts. Transport route must be done in the least intrusive manner. Draping must be complete and appropriate during transport.
- E. Medical/Surgical instruments that enter or have contact with tissue or mucous membranes must be used only on cadavers or cadaver parts. No supplies located in the omni cells may be used to limit contamination of patient used items. Supplies must be transported in a closed container for cleaning in a research area. These items must be cleaned/soaked in

bleach solution prior to reuse. Used sharps are to be placed in approved sharps container for disposal.

- F. Drapes, linens, towels are to be disposed of as regulated waste.
- G. While cadavers or cadaver parts may be procured and provided by 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, the procurement must be with consultation and with the approval of the Department of Anatomy Deeded Body Program. Left over cadavers or cadaver parts must be returned and disposed of through consultation with and the approval of the Deeded Body Program.
- H. Investigators/teachers must maintain a clean work area. Post-event horizontal surfaces must be cleaned with hospital approved disinfectant as an initial clean. EVS will provide the terminal clean. Arrangement for the cleaning must be scheduled prior to the event with EVS. If EVS services are not available immediately following the event, it will need to be rescheduled as appropriate to EVS availability.
- I. If the cadaver or cadaver parts are preserved, the use of HEPA equipment or additional filters in existing HVAC system will be required (not applicable to the Operating Rooms). HEPA equipment and filters must be coordinated with Engineering Services.
- J. Any blood/body exposure will be reported using established hospital policies.
- K. Reimbursement for use of patient care facilities will require reimbursement at a research rate as determined by Finance and Accounting, or Fair Market Value if not for an approved research purpose.
- L. Respect for the cadaver or cadaver parts will be maintained at all times.

## Appendix I

### Use of Cadaver or Cadaver Parts in Patient Treatment Areas Checklist

Name of UIHC Faculty/Staff Member:

Date(s) of event:

Time/Hours of event:

Location of event:

DEO Approval:

Chief Medical Officer Approval:

Infection Prevention/QuIP Approval:

Deeded Body Program Approval:

Environmental Services Approval and Agreement to Terminal Cleaning Date and Time:

Engineering Services Determination of Need for HEPA Equipment:

Department of Pathology informed as appropriate:

Joint Office for Compliance informed as appropriate:

Map Submitted and Approved by Infection Preventionists:

Research Discount or Fair Market Value Payment Approved by Finance and Accounting:

Source: Joint Office of Compliance and Program of Hospital Epidemiology

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