

Student Cadaver Lab Rules and Safety Plan Modesto Junior College

Students in the Anatomy program at Modesto Junior College have the privilege of working with human anatomical specimens – the study of human anatomy is an essential element in the training of health care professionals. Our cadavers are obtained from the Willed Body Programs at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and San Diego (UCSD). Persons donating their body receive no financial compensation and are giving a valuable and honorable gift to education and therefore it is imperative that proper respect be paid to the cadaver at all times.

General

- 1) The anatomical donors (cadavers) are to be treated with the utmost respect at all times. Hold in esteem the individual who generously donated the gift of knowledge to you. Thus, no inappropriate behavior will be tolerated including, but not limited to, jokes, nicknames or disrespectful remarks that would be demeaning to the donor or the donor's family.
- 2) Only students registered and currently enrolled in Human Anatomy (ANAT 125), Human Anatomy Discussion (ANAT 126), Integrative Anatomy and Physiology (ANAT 150), Advanced Cadaver Dissection and Anatomical Preparation (ANAT 130), Introduction to Tutoring Anatomy (ANAT 180A&B), Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology (RSCR 222), Advanced Cardiopulmonary Physiology (RSCR 240), and Kinesiology (PE 124) courses and students in the Anatomy Club are allowed in the Cadaver Room.
- 3) **The cadaver laboratories contain formaldehyde and phenol and are known to the State of California to cause reproductive harm.** Thus, it is the policy of Modesto Junior College to not permit pregnant women in the first trimester to enter the Cadaver Laboratories without wearing an OSHA-approved respirator. If you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or breast feeding please discuss the anatomy lab with your physician (**see page 2**).
- 4) An anatomy instructor or A&P technician must be present for students to have access to the Cadaver Laboratories.
- 5) No visitors of any sort are allowed in the Cadaver Laboratories.
- 6) **No cell phones are allowed in the Cadaver Laboratories.**
- 7) **No photography or videos of any type is allowed in the Cadaver Laboratories.**
- 8) **Social media postings of cadaver photos or videos, including Canvas and Blackboard, are expressly prohibited under ALL circumstances.**
- 9) No eating, drinking, or smoking is permitted in the Cadaver Laboratories at any time for any reason.
- 10) No music of any sort is allowed in the Cadaver Laboratories.
- 11) Only textbooks and lab manuals are allowed in the Cadaver Laboratories – do not set them down or place them on the counters. All other items (backpacks and other personal items) will be left in the classroom.
- 12) No equipment is to be removed from the Cadaver Laboratories.
- 13) No prosthetic appliance, adornment, or other natural or man-made item found on or in the cadaver will be removed from the Cadaver Laboratories.
- 14) No cadaver tissue of any type is to be removed from the Cadaver Laboratories.
- 15) The cadavers are primarily for demonstration. Students are NOT permitted to dissect a cadaver. If you are given permission to touch the cadaver by an instructor follow their instructions and be sure you are wearing gloves (**see page 2**).

Precautions, Attire, Biohazards and Waste Disposal

- 16) Universal Precautions must be practiced at all times when handling anatomical specimens. All specimens have tested negative or nonreactive for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. This is not a guarantee that the specimens are free of communicable diseases.
- 17) Assume all reagents and tissues in the Cadaver Laboratories are a potential hazard, and treat them as such.
- 18) The Cadaver Laboratories ventilation system must be on at all times while students are in the room. If you have respiratory difficulties, inform your instructor and exit the room immediately.
- 19) When instructed, Gloves must be worn and are always required when handling anatomical materials in the cadaver room. Safety glasses or goggles are recommended.
- 20) Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes are to be worn in the Cadaver Laboratories at all times. Further, the soles of shoes worn in the Cadaver Laboratories should provide high traction to prevent slips and falls. Open-toe shoes, and especially sandals or flip-flops are NOT PERMITTED in the Cadaver Laboratories at any time.
- 21) Aside from taking lab coats on and off, the Cadaver Laboratories are NOT to be used for changing clothes. Long pants are preferred at all time, but you must be covered shoulders to knees at all times.
- 22) You must wear appropriate attire and hands and other skin surfaces should be washed immediately and thoroughly if contaminated with blood, body fluid, wetting solutions or preservation fluids. If any of these fluids or solutions contaminates the eye or eyes, the eyes should be flushed in the eyewash fountain for a minimum of 15 minutes. Hands and forearms should be washed with soap and water immediately after gloves are removed.
- 23) Gloves and other outer protective gear including lab coats should be removed prior to leaving the Cadaver Laboratories. Used gloves are to be disposed of in the hazardous waste containers, and lab coats are to be removed before leaving the Cadaver Laboratories. Outer garments (lab coats) that are contaminated with bodily fluids are NOT to be removed from the Cadaver Laboratories. All personally owned outer garments contaminated with bodily fluids must not be removed from the Cadaver Laboratories until after they have been laundered by the A&P technician
- 24) Any violations of the rules will result in expulsion of the offender from the Cadaver Laboratories.
- 25) Immediately report any violations of these rules to your anatomy and/or physiology instructor, or the Dean of the Science Mathematics and Engineering Division

I have read the Student Cadaver Policies and Rules on these pages and will observe them in the cadaver lab at all times. I understand if I fail to follow these rules or additional rules by my instructor I may be asked to leave the lab and/or suffer grading penalties.

Printed Name w# Signature

Course _____ Section _____ Date _____