

# BASIC RULES FOR THE DISSECTION LABORATORY

- a) Persons authorized to carry out dissection in the laboratory can do so only on the cadavers assigned to them. Other cadavers inside the lab may be used for study (if prior authorization is obtained through the Director of the Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology [A & N]), but cannot be dissected.
- b) All persons authorized to work in the laboratory are responsible for maintaining their work area clean and organized during and following each session. Dissection instruments must be cleaned and stored, cadavers must be covered and/or lowered into their tanks, gloves and disposable lab coats must be placed in wastebaskets, and all other materials (books, etc.) must be put away. The laboratory must always be left as clean and organized as it was found, including the sink areas. The Department of A & N does not have personnel available to clean or pick up after individual users. Failure to observe this rule will result in revocation of authorization to work in the lab.
- c) Unauthorized persons are prohibited in the dissection laboratory at all times.
- d) Eating, drinking, chewing gum, applying cosmetics and hand lotion, and smoking are prohibited in laboratory areas. No book or computer bags, handbags, purses, knapsacks, bags, boxes or pouches are allowed inside the laboratory. These items will need to be left outside.
- e) Proper personal protective equipment must be worn at all times in the laboratory (lab coat, gloves, respirator and/or eye protection). Persons inside the laboratory must wear buttoned long-sleeved lab coats at all times. Surgical scrubs alone are not sufficient as they leave the arms exposed. Long pants should be worn. Sandals or open-toed shoes, skirts, shorts, ties or other dangling clothing can pose a threat in the laboratory and are not permitted.
- f) Contact lenses are a risk when working with chemical or biological hazardous materials. Particulate matter, vapors, and liquids can lodge behind the contact lenses and cause considerable eye damage before they can be washed out with water from an eyewash station. In addition, solvent vapors can weld contact lenses to the eyes, requiring surgery to remove them.
- g) Only authorized students, faculty and personnel are allowed to touch the cadavers or tissue specimens in the laboratory. Authorized visitors are allowed access only to cadaver material provided for their specific purposes. These visitors are NOT allowed access to other cadavers or tissue specimens in the laboratory.
- h) Persons dealing directly with the cadaver, tissue specimens, or the liquids and solutions used to preserve these must wear gloves at all times. Gloves are to be disposed in the small black wastebaskets placed next to each table.
- i) Tissue to be disposed must be placed only in wastebaskets with orange plastic tops and red bags.
- j) Lab coats, gloves, and other personal protection equipment shall NOT be worn outside the laboratory area.
- k) No photography is allowed inside the laboratory, without prior express authorization from the Director of the Department of A & N and the Official Executive of the Organ Donation Board.
- l) Material derived from the cadavers or other human remains (e.g. bones, etc.) cannot be removed from the laboratory.
- m) Teaching materials inside the laboratory (e.g., models, skeletons, etc.) cannot be removed from it without prior express authorization from the Director of the Department of A & N.
- n) Aisles and hallways shall remain free from clutter to prevent accidents and allow free access in case of an emergency.