Gross Anatomy Laboratory Safety and Comportment Policy

Policy Statement

The donors of the George Washington’s School of Medicine Body Donor Program have made a unique and unselfish gift for the benefit of education. It is an honor and a privilege that students, faculty, researchers and physicians are afforded this amazing gift to teach and learn from human cadavers.

The rules of the anatomy laboratory are based upon donor privacy, donor dignity, respect, security, safety and maintenance. These rules are observed in the laboratory at all times and inappropriate behavior is never tolerated within or outside of the gross laboratory. All gross anatomy laboratory users are expected to conduct themselves with maturity and respect towards our donors, staff and faculty.

The Gross Anatomy Laboratory (GAL) under the Office of the Dean, has established new safety and comportment policies and procedures to ensure that all GAL users are in full compliance during courses and programs of study. It is the responsibility of each individual to familiarize themselves with the Laboratory Safety Rules, the Waiver and Risk Assumption, the Fit Test Clearance procedure and the Disciplinary Policy. These policies and procedures were established to maintain a safe and respectful environment while using the Gross Anatomy Laboratory.

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