

FRANK H. NETTER MD  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

# Anatomical Gift Program



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# ANATOMICAL GIFT PROGRAM

Thank you for considering an anatomical gift to the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine.

Your donation will serve a critical role in helping students learn the complex anatomy of the human body. The Netter School of Medicine is dedicated to excellence in medical education, with the primary purpose of training exceptional future doctors and health professionals. We can accomplish this with your assistance. Those who choose to give their human remains to our program will have a lasting impact on the education of men and women entering the field of medicine in a way that no book or new technology could.

Anatomical donations represent the ultimate gift. The need is significant, and each gift is valued and honored. Students, professors and staff treat each donation with the utmost respect and dignity. We provide service to donors and their families that is compassionate as well as competent. Each year, to show their appreciation, medical and health profession students, professors and staff participate in a Ceremony of Gratitude memorial service to honor these “silent teachers.” Families of the donors are invited to attend.

## ELIGIBILITY TO DONATE

Certain health conditions may cause a body to be unsuitable for anatomical donation. Some of these conditions may not be obvious until the time of death. These include: infectious and contagious diseases, autopsy, obesity, edema (swelling), emaciation, dehydration, jaundice and liver or kidney failure. The Anatomical Gift Program accepts whole body donations and is not affiliated with any organ or tissue donation agencies. We do not procure individual tissues or investigate pathologies. A body that has made an organ donation (other than eyes) cannot be accepted. A final acceptance of a donor will be made only at the time of death.

## EXPENSES

The estate of a donor is not charged for expenses pertaining to the final disposition of the body. The School of Medicine will assume certain expenses, such as removal and transportation of the human remains, burial/transit and cremation permits.

Obituaries and certified copies of the death certificate are the responsibility of the donor's estate.

## DONATION PROCEDURES

Donors are encouraged to notify family members of their bequests, and specifically that they have contacted the Anatomical Gift Program at Quinnipiac, to ensure their wishes are carried out.

At the time of death, the Anatomical Gift Program should be notified immediately at 203-582-6587. A licensed funeral director will assist in the removal and transportation of the body. Our office will generate and complete the death certificate.

If a donor registered in our program dies at a location outside Connecticut, a medical school in that state may accept the body. If a body is not accepted, members of the family or the donor's estate should contact a funeral home for further assistance.

The academic programs at Quinnipiac use the body for approximately 12–24 months, after which the School of Medicine supervises the individual cremation of the body by a licensed crematorium. The cremated remains are then returned to the donor's family.

## SUBMISSION



To initiate the donation process, please complete the registration form at [qu.edu/humananatomy](https://qu.edu/humananatomy)

Once this form is completed and submitted, the director will review and contact you regarding next steps.

# ABOUT QUINNIPIAC

Quinnipiac University is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located in Hamden, and North Haven, Connecticut, offering more than 140 programs to an estimated 6,800 undergraduates and 3,000 graduate, medical and law students. Quinnipiac prepares graduates as enlightened global citizens equipped for the challenges and opportunities of 21st-century careers.

Its nine schools offer programs in business, communications, education, engineering, health sciences, law, medicine, nursing and the arts and sciences. Quinnipiac is among only 2.1 percent of all U.S. universities with a medical school and a law school.

Quinnipiac's 250-acre Mount Carmel Campus, next to Sleeping Giant State Park, contains academic buildings and residence halls. The nearby 250-acre York Hill Campus houses the People's United Center, residence halls for 2,000 students and the Rocky Top Student Center. A third 150-acre campus in North Haven serves as home to the School of Education, School of Health Sciences, School of Law, School of Nursing, the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine and other graduate programs.

Quinnipiac is consistently recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 385 Colleges." The Chronicle of Higher Education has named Quinnipiac among the "Great Colleges to Work For." Please visit [qu.edu](http://qu.edu) for more information.





## FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Human Anatomy Laboratory is under the supervision of a licensed funeral director and embalmer, Jesse M. Gomes, director of operations for the Human Anatomy Laboratory and Anatomical Gift Program.

Please visit [qu.edu/humananatomy](http://qu.edu/humananatomy) to learn about the program, or email [humananatomy@qu.edu](mailto:humananatomy@qu.edu) or call 203-582-6587.

The program is located in the Center for Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences on Quinnipiac's North Haven Campus.



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