



UNIVERSITY of NORTH TEXAS
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER at Fort Worth

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Education, Research,
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Department of Cell Biology and Genetics

CREMATION AGREEMENT RETURN OR INTERNMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS

In compliance with Texas Administrative Code §479.4, UNTHSCFW will agree to return or inter the available cremated human remains of an individual person ONLY under the conditions presented in this agreement.

When a body is donated to science in the state of Texas, it reaches its permanent and final legal destination when it arrives at the institution to which it is donated. In this case, the institution is The University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth (UNTHSCFW). The relevant statute is contained in the Health and Safety Codes of The State of Texas, §691. A body that is donated to science at UNTHSCFW may be used in health education, research or both. In the process of education and/or research, parts of the body may be completely destroyed, or they may be kept for teaching purposes. These parts will **NOT** be available for cremation.

Cremation is a non-reversible process in which human remains are burned in a gas flame at a temperature of about 1800°F. At this temperature, all soft parts of the body vaporize and only burned bone remains. The pieces of burned bone are removed and processed to resemble ash or sand. These processed cremated human remains become the “ashes” which can then be returned if requested.

If the cremated remains are **NOT** to be returned to the legal next of kin or a designated individual, the human cremated remains will be placed in a mausoleum vault at a UNTHSCFW designated cemetery in Fort Worth.

Before the remains of an individual human are further processed, the cremator is cleaned thoroughly before cremation. The available remains of only one human body is cremated at a time. After the cremation, the machine is thoroughly cleaned and the cremated remains are processed for return or internment.

In order to provide the cremation services associated with the return or internment of available cremated human remains of an individual, a fee of \$225.00 is charged.

Your signature indicates you have read and understand the conditions that UNTHSCFW places upon agreeing to return the available cremated remains of a human donor to your designate or placed in our cemetery vaults. It also indicate that you or your designated next-of-kin or Power of Attorney, will hold harmless the university and its employees in this process.

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I understand along with my next-of-kin or power of attorney, these conditions and that I have the option of all of my available cremated remains to be returned or be placed in a mausoleum vault.

I understand that in fulfilling the purpose of donating a body to science that parts of the body may have been completely destroyed or they may have been kept for teaching purposes.

I will hold harmless The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth and employees of the The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in this process.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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