

**OFFICE FOR OVERSIGHT OF ANATOMIC SPECIMENS (OOAS) [www.ooas.pitt.edu](http://www.ooas.pitt.edu)  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH & UPMC  
LAB GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS IN TRAINING & RESEARCH UTILIZING  
HUMAN ANATOMIC SPECIMENS**

**ALL lab participants (Pitt | UPMC | Industry) are expected to comply with the following guidelines**

- **All human cadaver/specimens will be treated with the highest level of respect, care and dignity.**
- Prior written approval is required for taking photographs or making video recordings of cadavers/specimens from the tissue source for educational or research purposes and must comply with University of Pittsburgh or UPMC policies and requirements. Measures to ensure preservation of dignity and protection of donor identity are required. Approvals are coordinated through the OOAS.
- No cellphone photography allowed.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) (gowns, gloves, masks, shoe covers (no opened toed shoes), face shield/goggles) must be worn for protection against any potential bloodborne pathogen exposure.
- Specimens are NEVER to be removed or transported from the lab at any time without prior permission from the tissue supplier and OOAS.
- NO food or drinks, including water bottles, are allowed in the lab.
- Do NOT place biological tissue in sharps containers or waste receptacles.
- Dispose of all scalpel blades/sharps in the SHARPS red rigid containers provided, NOT in biohazard bags/containers or waste baskets.
- Place all biologic tissue in a red biohazard bag and tagged with a label with donor information for proper disposition.
- Before exiting the lab, ensure all PPE disposables are placed in the red biohazard bag. Wash hands before leaving the lab. Redress with all new PPE disposables when re-entering the lab.
- All non-UPMC participants are required to provide OOAS a current bloodborne pathogen (BBP) training certificate prior to the date of the lab. BBP training can be obtained at <https://www.citi.pitt.edu>.
- **Invited company representatives must:**
  - Comply with the Industry Relationships Policy [UPMC Policy HS-EC1702](#) and [UPMC Vendor Access Policy HS-FM0222](#). Vendor Stat certification is not required for company representatives who are **only accessing non-clinical training lab spaces** at the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC.
  - Provide a certificate of completion to OOAS for the required Industry Relationship Policy Training module located at: <https://www.hsconnect.pitt.edu/HSC/home/index.htm> >Vendor Training
  - Provide OOAS with a current bloodborne pathogen (BBP) training certificate prior to the date of the lab.
- Ensure appropriate security measures are followed with access to the lab, limited to registered participants and authorized company representatives. No other persons are permitted to enter the lab unless authorized by a member of the Course Director's or Principal Investigator's team with appropriate training.
- In the event of an injury or exposure, please seek immediate medical treatment at UPMC MyHealth@Work/Employee Health. 3471 5th Avenue, Suite 1111, Kaufmann Medical Building (412) 647-3695, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30p.m. Outside these hours, please report directly to the Emergency Department.
  
- **I have received, read, understand, and agree to comply with the above Guidelines.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_