

The operation and use of the human anatomy and microanatomy laboratories at Dalhousie University are subject to the Nova Scotia Anatomy Act, the Nova Scotia Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act, the Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

Your community and university have granted you a privilege to make use of human bodies, organs and tissues in your education. Your responsibilities include:

A. PROPER RESPECT FOR HUMAN REMAINS

1. Students may not take human body parts, organs or tissues out of the laboratories.
2. Visitors are not permitted in the teaching labs, unless authorized by the Head of the Department of Medical Neuroscience. Only teachers, support staff and registered students in Dalhousie anatomy and histology classes are normally allowed in the teaching labs.
3. Photography is not allowed in the anatomy labs without the permission of the Department Head or the course director.
4. Handle human bones (especially skulls) with great care. Replacement specimens are no longer available.
5. Handle all human remains with care and respect. Keep wet specimens moist. Place unneeded pieces in the appropriate containers.

B. OBSERVATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS for the benefit of yourself and others.

1. Eating and drinking are forbidden in the teaching labs. It is potentially dangerous to contaminate anything in the laboratory with fluids from the wet specimens. Do not bring food or beverage containers to the laboratories.
2. Lower limbs of users are to be completely covered by clothing. Open-toed shoes, shorts and skirts are not appropriate attire for the teaching laboratories.
3. Laboratory coats are required in the gross anatomy laboratory. They are also recommended in the neuroanatomy lab.
4. Gloves are required for handling of human body parts and organs (especially brains).
5. Do not wear contact lenses in the anatomy laboratory. They can be affected by the fixatives used to preserve the anatomical specimens.
6. Dispose of gloves after use and before touching books, atlases, microscopes, slides, models, or other materials in the teaching labs. Before exiting the lab, hands should be washed.
7. Keep your work area as clean and dry as possible.
8. Report any injuries acquired in the laboratory to a faculty member as soon as possible.

If students fail to comply with these regulations, faculty members are required to ask them to leave the laboratory. If violations are repeated, or deemed unprofessional, they will be reported to the appropriate official of the relevant school or faculty.