



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE | ROCKFORD

DONATING YOUR BODY TO SCIENCE

The University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford trains the next generation of physicians through a variety of methods. Medical students gain direct knowledge of anatomy through the dissection of cadavers. This training represents a crucial phase of medical education, one that can be supplemented, but not replaced, by computer simulation or virtual reality.



SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Each year, medical students express their thanks to the body donors who have been a very special part of their medical education at this event.



THE PROCESS

Body donation is handled through the **Anatomical Gift Association (AGA) of Illinois**, a non-profit corporation that manages the willed body donor program for medical, research and educational institutions in Illinois. The AGA and the College of Medicine employ dedicated individuals who take the utmost care with all bodies, so that both the donor's and family's wishes are carried out.

HOW DO I DONATE MY BODY TO AGA?

The AGA website has information about the requirements for donors and forms needed to begin the process of donating your body to science. The AGA makes every effort to honor the requests of donors that their remains be directed to the specific institutions they designate, so you can choose to have the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford, though the AGA does not inform the family where the body is while it is at a specific institution. You can contact AGA if you have questions at:

Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois

1540 S. Ashland Ave., Suite 104

Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 733-5283

info@agaillinois.org

www.agaillinois.org

Discuss your decision to donate with your family. Informing your family members of your decision is an important part of the process so that they are able to fulfill your wishes at the time of your death and contact a licensed funeral director to transport your body to the AGA in Chicago.

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

For more information about donating organs or tissues in Illinois, visit:

<https://www.lifegoeson.com/resources/links.html>