

Human Dissection Room Rules & Regulations

Please read the following regarding your health, safety and conduct in the Human Dissecting Room (HDR).

Health & Safety

The HDR is a lab containing human cadaveric specimens and bones. The dissected specimens (prosections) are preserved in formalin, which can irritate eyes, respiratory tract and skin. However, we ensure that the levels in the HDR are well below the legal exposure limit (2ppm). The Centre takes steps to ensure that this concentration is not exceeded.

Individuals must also take the following precautions to minimise their own exposure:



- **Protect your clothes:** Wear a white coat (please hang up coats on racks when leaving and do not take coats upstairs); do not wear headwear (religious headwear is acceptable)



- **Protect your skin:** Gloves must be worn when handling wet/fixed specimens; do not wear open-toed shoes, tie back long hair and always wash your hands before leaving the HDR



- **Protect your eyes:** Soft contact lenses are not advised (goggles are available on request)
- **Protect your mouth and nose:** Do not eat, drink or chew gum inside the dissection rooms; do not bring your face too close to specimens; anyone with a respiratory problem e.g. asthma must inform a member of staff before entering the HDR

- **Pregnancy and breastfeeding:** There are specific guidelines, please ask a member of staff

- **Allergies:** If you think you may be developing an allergy to latex or to any other substance in the HDR, notify a member of staff immediately

- **Accidents:** Any accident in the HDR must be reported immediately to a member of staff, any injury treated and an accident form completed

- **Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency local area procedures and practices should be followed. Copies of these are displayed around the suite and are available from the HDR office

If in doubt about any aspects of health and safety, please ask a member of staff

Professional Conduct

The prosections in the HDR are very precious and some are irreplaceable. It is imperative that you treat them with respect and dignity at all times. All of the bodies used for teaching in the HDR have been specifically donated, with fully informed consent, under the Human Tissue Act (HTA), which means there are also legal restrictions concerning their use. **Please be aware that individuals who do not follow the HDR regulations may be subject to disciplinary procedures.**

The following rules must be obeyed:



- All users of the HDR should act with respect at all times
- Specimens must not be removed from the HDR
- Specimens may only be moved from tanks, buckets or cupboards by Staff
- Only staff may use dissecting instruments (e.g. forceps) to examine the specimens



- A technician must be informed immediately if a specimen becomes damaged or a label becomes detached from a specimen
- Cameras and mobile phones are NOT permitted in the dissection room

I have read and understand the above information and agree to abide by the HDR rules & regulations:

Full Name: Signature: Date: