

<b>Policy Title:</b>	Human Cadaveric Material Use within the QEII Simulation Program	
<b>Applies To:</b>	Users of the QEII Simulation Facilities	
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## PURPOSE

This policy provides direction for the use of cadaveric material within the QEII Simulation program.

## DEFINITIONS

<b>Users</b>	For the purpose of this policy, includes (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vendors</li> <li>○ Health Care Providers</li> <li>○ Learners</li> <li>○ Researchers</li> </ul>
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## PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

1. **Respect and dignity:** The use of human cadaveric material is a privilege, and this material will be treated with respect and dignity at all times, which includes determining who will be present during cadaveric labs.
2. **Privacy and confidentiality:** Appropriate steps will be taken in order to maintain privacy and confidentiality with respect to the use of human cadaveric material.
3. **Accountability:** The acquisition and use of human cadaveric material will be done according to highest best practice.
4. **Learning organization:** The acquisition and use of human cadaveric material supports Nova Scotia Health’s academic mission.

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## POLICY STATEMENTS

1. Users must acquire cadaveric material from Nova Scotia Health's primary vendor, the accredited Dalhousie University Clinical Cadaver Program.

**Exception:** If unable to acquire the required cadaveric material from Dalhousie University, Users may source cadaveric material from an [American Association of Tissue Banks \(ATTB\)](#) accredited vendor. Proof of accreditation is required. It is an expectation that all standards and requirements outlined in the ATTB are followed by the vendor.

2. Users are responsible for arrangements and costs of cadaveric material.
3. Users are responsible to provide the QEII Simulation Program with a completed [Dalhousie University Application for Anatomical Material](#) form at a minimum of three weeks prior to their session.
  - 3.1. If obtaining cadaveric material from a vendor other than Dalhousie, provide the same details found on the Dalhousie application form above.
4. List of chemicals used in the vendor's embalment process may be made available to Users with advanced request.
5. Cadaveric lab Users are restricted to Nova Scotia Health staff, designated researchers, health profession students, and regulated health professionals.

**Exception:** Industry staff during their sponsored external labs.

- 5.1. Users/observers must be 18 years of age or older.
6. Facility tours are not permitted during a cadaveric lab.
7. Image(s), video capture(s), and livestream(s) are strictly prohibited unless approved by the cadaveric material vendor.
  - User is responsible to refer to vendor's approval application form (e.g., [Dalhousie University Application to Use Images/Videos of Cadaveric Material for Educational or Research Purposes](#).)

## REFERENCES

Alberta Health Services. (2018). *Human cadaveric resource* (Policy).

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

### Forms

[Dalhousie University Application for Anatomical Material](#)

[Dalhousie University Application to Use Images/Videos of Cadaveric Material for Educational or Research Purposes](#)

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## DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY POLICIES BEING REPLACED

N/A

### VERSION HISTORY

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