

QUESTIONS TO ASK

WHEN CHOOSING BODY DONATION TO SCIENCE

Choosing a whole body donation program is an important decision that deserves careful consideration. Asking the right questions can help ensure your loved one's wishes are honored and that you understand exactly how the donation process will work.

About the Organization

- Is the program nonprofit or for-profit?
- How long has the organization been serving donors and families?
- Where is the organization located, and how many facilities does it operate?
- Is the program accredited, licensed, registered with the state, or otherwise regulated?

Cremated Remains

- Can cremated remains be returned to the family?
- Will the donor's entire body be cremated, or only a portion of the remains?
- If only partial remains are returned, what is the minimum amount the family should expect to receive?
- If cremated remains can be returned to the family, how long will it take for them to be received?

Costs & Logistics

- Will the family incur any out-of-pocket expenses?
- What transportation services are included, and are there any geographic limitations?
- Are there circumstances that could prevent the donation from being accepted?
- How long will the organization retain the donor's remains?
- Will the donated tissue be used outside the state or outside the United States?

How the Donation Will Be Used

- What types of medical education, research, or training does the program support?
- Will donated tissue be shared with third parties, such as medical device companies or private research organizations, or remain within the organization's own program (such as a university-based donation program)?