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Reverence,
Sir/Madam,

Instructions to Body Donations for Medical Education and Medical Research

We appreciate your willingness to donate your body after death to the Institute of Indigenous Medicine University of Colombo.

After death, the next of kin becomes the guardian of the dead body. Therefore, it is necessary that you instruct them accordingly and make them aware of the following handing over procedure.

1. Body can be donated **only after a natural death**. Following bodies will not be accepted.

- Bodies with a history of Severe diabetes, cancer, meningitis, tuberculosis, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, eczema & rashes.
- Bodies on which body organs are removed or donated except eyes.
- Bodies expired more than 18 hours after death without proper embalming.
- Bodies which have undergone major surgeries.
- Bodies which have open wounds (bed sores or wounds after surgeries)

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2.1 The body should be necessarily properly cleaned and embalmed before donating to the Unit of Allied Sciences. Embalming should be done by injecting 5 liters of formalin (40%) into the femoral artery.

2.2 If the body is not properly embalmed according to the instructions above, the body will not be accepted.

2.3 Eyes can be donated to an Eye Donation Society before you donate the body (Other organs should not be removed or incised).