

Facts

- Brain donation consent can only be given by next of kin after the death of a loved one.
- Brain donation does not interfere with funeral arrangements.
- An autopsy for an Alberta patient costs nothing; costs are covered by Alberta Health Services.
- Transportation costs will be covered by Alberta Health Care (from a medical facility) or the Calgary Brain Bank (from home). Save the transportation receipts for reimbursement.
- An autopsy does not preclude an open casket funeral.
- An autopsy will provide a final diagnosis that will be shared with you.

Thank you for considering brain donation.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please contact us by telephone between 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM weekdays or by email. We try to return calls within one business day.

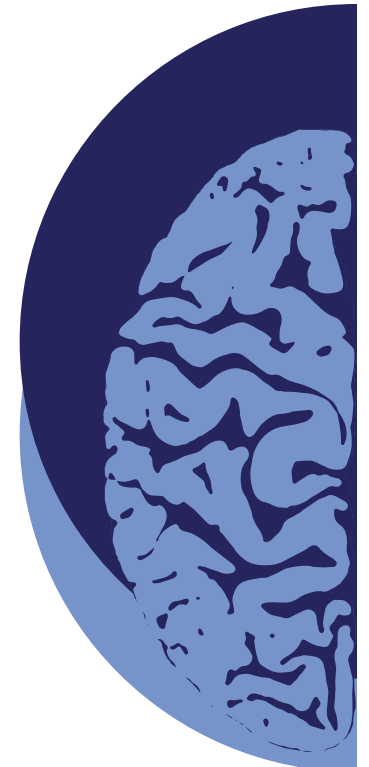
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**Brain Donation Information
for Next of Kin**



Brain donation

Why are Brain Donations Important?

Brain donations help researchers who are studying cures for neurodegenerative disorders. Thus, many donors and their families see brain donation as an opportunity to contribute to the understanding of these disorders and to help improve health for future patients.

What is a brain bank?

The Calgary Brain Bank is a repository of donated brain tissue. It makes it possible for scientists interested in neurological disorders to access tissue from the brain bank for their investigations.

Steps to Take

- Notify your loved one's family doctor or appropriate health care professional (e.g. nursing home staff) that you would like your loved one to have an autopsy after death.
- Provide the 'Autopsy Instructions Handout' to your loved one's family doctor or appropriate health care professional.
- After death, complete the AHS 'Consent for Autopsy' form with your loved one's doctor.
- Ensure the first box under 'Consent for Retention of Organ Tissue for Education and Research' is checked.
- Your loved one's doctor, health care professional, or funeral home director will call Foothills admitting/Vital Statistics at 403-944-1689 to arrange transfer to the Foothills Hospital.
- Contact the Cognitive Neurosciences Clinic at 403-944-4406 (business hours) to notify the Calgary Brain Bank. If after hours, please email ucbb@ucalgary.ca or leave a voicemail message and we'll contact you the next business day.

Additional Information

Foothills admitting will gather the following information to arrange transfer to Foothills Hospital: name, date of birth, Alberta Personal Health Number, date and time of death, current location of the deceased, marital status, legal next of kin, and the completed consent form.

In order to perform the autopsy, Foothills admitting will require the consent form.

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