



Institute for Plastination

Donating Your Body for Plastination

Donor's Consent

The procedures to donate your body for Plastination after your death are as follows:

1. Read the information brochure "Donating Your Body for Plastination" carefully.
2. Complete and sign the Donor's Consent form in duplicate and sign the body donor ID card. Return the completed documents, the ID card, and any medical records you wish to submit to us. If your relatives object to your body donation for Plastination, you may wish to also have a lawyer witness your signature on both forms.
3. We will countersign one of the forms and return it to you as confirmation. You should retain the countersigned copy with your personal files or give it to a relative or your doctor for safekeeping. We will also laminate your signed body donor ID card and return it to you. You should carry this card with you at all times.

This consent does not constitute a contract but a declaration of intent, which can be revoked at any time, in writing. No reasons have to be stated.

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Donor's Personal Data

Last Name:	First Name:	
Maiden Name:		
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:	
Street:	City:	Postal Code:
Country:	E-Mail:	
Phone:	Mobile:	Fax:

– Please notify the IfP of any future changes of address –

Consent to Donate Your Body for Plastination

I hereby wish and direct that, after my death, my body be made available to the Institute for Plastination (IfP) for the purpose of Plastination. By signing this document, I declare my consent. I do not wish to be cremated or buried and decline autopsies of any kind. At the time of death, my body shall instead be transferred to the Institute for Plastination at the address indicated on this form or to the PLASTINARIUM in Guben, as soon as possible.

My relatives have been informed about and support my decision. If they disapprove of my body donation, this form has either been notarized or signed by at least one witness.

I am aware that the IfP is a private institute, managed by its Scientific Director, Dr. Gunther von Hagens. The IfP pledges to give human specimens only to “qualified users”. Qualified users are those who will credibly use human specimens exclusively for research, educational, medical or therapeutic purposes. This includes educational establishments such as universities, hospitals, museums, and schools, as well as medical practitioners, college professors, lecturers, as well as other individuals who conduct scientific research.

The preparation of plastinated specimens is associated with high costs. Therefore, I agree that specimens made from my body may be sold to educational and research institutions and doctors to finance the work of the IfP. The invoice to the said institutions that purchase specimens will include the following statement: “The specimen provided is only available because it was donated for Plastination to the IfP. We thank the donor for this generosity. There is no charge for the specimen itself, only the preparation costs”. Revenue shall cover the costs of preservation, preparation and Plastination, fund research into new developments in Plastination, and enable the establishment of a Plastination museum.

I may withdraw my consent for my body to be used for Plastination at any time, in writing, without having to give a reason. The IfP also has the right to issue a statement withdrawing its agreement to accept a body for Plastination.

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Place, date

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Signature of body donor (last and first name)

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Place, date

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Signature of representative of the Institute for Plastination

Additional Opinions on Donation for Plastination

The following questions help us to reconcile our activities with the wishes of the body donors. If you wish to express your views on issues that are often addressed by body donors, interested parties, and experts, please check the appropriate boxes and sign in the space indicated below. We also look forward to your comments, questions, and suggestions in the space provided.

1. Do you have a relative or person you trust whom we can contact after your death if necessary?

If yes, please give his or her contact details below:

Last Name: First Name: Phone:

Address:

Nature of relationship (e.g. daughter, brother):

2. I am an organ donor. yes no

(Organ donation for transplants is compatible with body donation for Plastination. It takes priority over Plastination, but the body can still be used for Plastination once organs have been removed. If you wish to become an organ donor, please contact your local Organ Donation Register.)

3. I consent to having tissues of my body, such as ligaments, bone tissue, or the cornea, removed and being used for therapeutical and transplantation purposes yes no

(Tissue donation for transplantation is fundamentally different from organ donation. Opposite organ donation, no completely functional organs are removed during tissue donation. The harvest can take place even though the cardiovascular circulation has stopped and irreversible brain death has occurred. Tissue donation does not compromise the suitability of the body for body donation.)

4. For educational and research purposes, it can be useful to access the medical records of the body donor. Under certain circumstances, the results of preservation can also be significantly improved if the IfP knows details about the nature and history of any medical conditions.

I authorize the IfP to consult my medical records after my death. yes no

5. I agree that my plastinated body may be used for the medical enlightenment of laypeople and, to this end, exhibited in public (e.g. in a museum). yes no

6. The body donor's own identity is altered during the anatomical preparation. The process gives both the face and the body a new appearance on the basis of their internal anatomy. Therefore, a plastinated specimen could not be recognized from its external features – that would require complex reconstruction techniques.

I request that my donated body and the permanent specimens prepared using my body for Plastination remain anonymous. (Remaining anonymous means that, for example, in a public exhibit, the donors' name, age, occupation, or reason for donating their body to Plastination may not be cited.) yes no

7. I agree for my body to be used for any purposes, provided they serve medical research or training, or offer medical treatment by doctors and medical institutions. In the event that decomposition of the body is too advanced for Plastination to be possible, it can still be used as a skeleton, wet specimen, or vessel configuration. It is also useful for specialist doctors and medical students to be able to practice on dead bodies during training before they operate on living ones. yes no

