

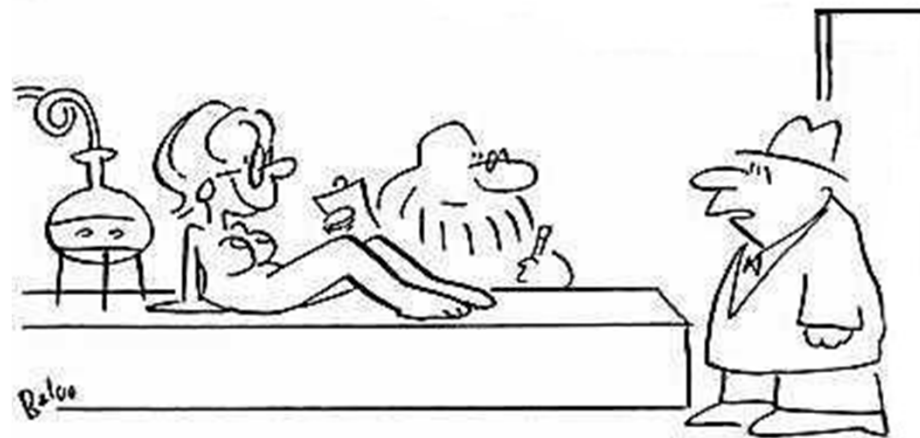
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# The Donation Process

- Whole Body Donation Program
  - Donor Population
  - Authorization
  - Documentation
  
- What should Skills Labs request?

# Donation for Research

- Differences from Tissue for Transplant
  - Whole Body



"I thought you meant you were going to donate your body to science after you *died!*"

# Donation for Research

- Differences from Tissue for Transplant
  - Expanded donor pool
  - Final Disposition
  - State Registries are not applicable
  - Limited Regulations
  - No Federal Oversight

# Donor Population

- Less Restrictive Medical Criteria
  - Age, COD
  - Medical / Social History
- Unaffiliated with Medical Schools
  - Anatomy Boards
  - Pre-Registration

# Donor Population

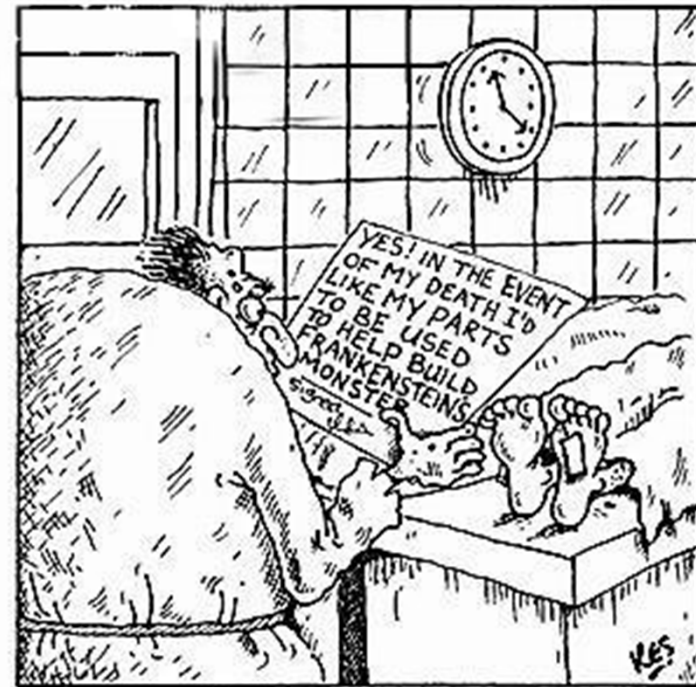
- Altruism vs. Donor Benefit
  - Public Good
  - No Compensation
  - Cost Avoidance
  
- What about unclaimed bodies?
  - Lack of reliable history

# Authorization

- Relevant Regulations
  - Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA)
- First Person Consent
  - Willed
  - Registry
- Third Person Authorization
  - NOK
  - POA

# Authorization

- Proper Authorization
  - Specific
  - Detailed
    - Procedures
    - Potential Use
  - Set Expectations
    - Timeframes for Use, Cremains



At last Igor finds a body with the appropriate consent form.

# Documents To Request

- Assurance of Authorization
  - Will not see signed forms!
  - Agreements should specify
- Summary of Donor History
- Serology Testing

# Gaining Confidence

- References
  - Not assurance that due diligence was done
- Audits
  - On-site vs. Paper Audits
  - Organizational Structure
  - Standard Operating Procedures Manual (SOPM)
- Transparency

# Gaining Confidence

- In Lieu of Federal Oversight / Audits:
  - American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB)
    - Established and Respected for Transplant Tissue
    - Accreditation Program
      - Standards Recently Approved (NTAD)
    - [www.aatb.org](http://www.aatb.org)

# Gaining Confidence

- In Lieu of Federal Oversight / Audits:
  - American Medical Education and Research Association (AMERA)
    - Recently Established
    - Focus Solely on Research Donation
    - [www.ameraus.org](http://www.ameraus.org)

# Gaining Confidence

- In Lieu of Federal Oversight / Audits:
  - NY Department of Health (NYDOH)
    - Early State Oversight
    - Strict Regulations
    - Licensing
      - Review of SOP and Inspection
      - Necessary for Import/Export to NY
    - [www.wadsworth.org/labcert/blood\\_tissue/](http://www.wadsworth.org/labcert/blood_tissue/)
  - Other State Approval Mechanisms

# Questions?

- Save for Q & A Panel...
- Contact Information:

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