INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR COMPLETING THE INSTRUMENT OF ANATOMICAL GIFT TO MAKE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT DONATION

Please register your intent to become an anatomical donor after death by completing the Instrument of Anatomical Gift Registration Form and Donor Information Form on this website. The Instrument of Anatomical Gift Registration Form must be signed and witnessed.

Please distribute the completed and witnessed form as follows:

1) The ORIGINAL Instrument of Anatomical Gift (photocopy not acceptable) should be returned to Tufts University School of Medicine at the address above.

2) One photocopy of the Instrument of Anatomical Gift should be made and retained for your personal records.

3) One photocopy of the Instrument of Anatomical Gift should be made and retained by your NEXT OF KIN.

After Tufts University School of Medicine receives your completed Instrument of Anatomical Gift and Donation Information Forms your name will be entered into its registry of anatomical donors. You will receive a letter of acknowledgement and two (2) wallet sized donor cards.

Please note: AT DEATH MOST REGISTERED DONORS ARE ACCEPTED. However, acceptance of an anatomical gift is contingent upon a decision by Tufts University School of Medicine at the time of the potential donor’s death. Before acceptance, the school must qualify the remains as suitable for use in medical/dental education, research, science or therapy. The qualification process includes but is not limited to careful review of potential donors who have an infectious disease at the time of death, who are emaciated or obese, or who have died under circumstances that require investigation by the police or medical authorities. No autopsy should be performed and no embalming should be done upon death. These will cause the remains to be unsuitable for donation. Please also note that we are a full body donation program. If you decide to become an Anatomical Gift Program donor you will be unable to be an organ donor.

ALL DONORS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE EVENT THAT YOUR GIFT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

If you or your next of kin have any questions regarding these forms, or the Anatomical Gift Program, please do not hesitate to call us at the number above or email us at Sharon.belding@tufts.edu. Some conditions and provisions of this program may be altered over time to conform to changes in State or Federal laws or regulations.