Cadaveric workshops in Orthopaedic Learning Center (OLC)

- OLC has equipped with training facilities and can provide supporting services for cadaveric workshops.
- OLC has regulations and guidelines to facilitate organizers in using this cadaveric service for planning their training workshops.
- Workshop organizer is requested to contact and liaise with OLC well before the date of cadaveric workshops (at least 6 months before) if they plan to organize cadaveric workshops at OLC.

- The following information is required in the application for service of cadaveric dissection in OLC (fill in an application form):
  1. The names of all the organizers and co-organizers
  2. The program details (date and content)
  3. The number of cadaveric stations planned to set up at Bioskill Laboratory
  4. The number and body region of cadaver specimens
  5. The source of cadaver specimens (must be certified to be free of certain infectious diseases)
  6. The period for cadaver preparation (from the date of arrival to date of disposal)
  7. Program coordinator and responsible person for cadaveric arrangement
  8. The lists of surgical instruments and disposable will be used

- Workshop organizers and participants should strictly follow the proper use and safety precautions of handling workshop cadavers at OLC. (see appendix)
- All cadaveric specimens are to be removed from OLC within 2 days after the completion of the workshop without prior notification of organizers.
- Under NO exemption will workshop cadavers been kept in the Fridge at OLC 2 days after the completion of the workshop.
- The organizer is responsible for the cost of procurement, transportation to OLC and the deportation from OLC.
- OLC will charge additional 5% from the participants’ registration fee for the cadaveric service.
- OLC reserves the final right to approve the applications of the cadaveric service.

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Appendix: Notes to participants
Precautions for Handling Workshop Cadavers

The aims are to:

1. ensure that workshop cadavers are handled in a safe and appropriate manner.
2. minimize risks of individual exposure to blood, body fluid or tissues when handling cadavers.

All fresh workshop cadavers used for orthopaedic education in this center are bought and certified to be free of certain infectious diseases -- for example HIV, hepatitis B or C, or active tuberculosis. This is to ensure the protection and safety of the participants handling the cadavers. The Standard Precautions are recommended for handling these cadavers.

Personal protection equipment and personal hygiene

1. No smoking, eating or drinking and avoid touching their own mouths, eyes or nose with their hands when handling workshop cadavers.
2. Persons who handle workshop cadavers must wear protective clothing consisting of gowns/aprons, gloves, surgical masks and eye protection (goggles or face visors).
3. Hands should be washed with soap and water or use of alcohol-based handrub at the start and end of handling, when hands are visibly soiled or potentially contaminated, and following the removal of gloves
4. All cuts and abrasions should be covered with waterproof bandages or dressings.
5. Every effort should be made to avoid sharps injury during workshops

Accidental exposure to blood or body fluids

1. In case of inoculation injuries and mucocutaneous exposure to blood or body fluids of cadavers (splashes in eyes, mouth or skin), the injured or exposed areas should be washed with large amount of running water.
2. All the above incidents should be reported to workshop coordinator. The injured persons should immediately seek medical advice for proper wound care and post-exposure management.

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