GUIDELINES FOR USE OF PLASTINATED TISSUE

*All individuals requesting use of our plastinated tissue MUST read and sign this form indicating agreement to the policies below BEFORE access is granted to the reservation system.

- These are real human brains and other organs preserved by plastination. Remember that the tissues have been donated by individuals who gave their body for your education. Thus, treat them with gentleness and respect.

- These tissues are to be used for education and sciences outreach purposes only. Any violation of this may be reported to the Director of MSMHA, Dr. Tom Finger, and may result in denial to use of the specimens in the future and/or a potential misconduct report to the Graduate School. Specimens can be checked out by students and faculty of the Modern Human Anatomy Program and their collaborators by filling utilizing the online reservation system.

- These donated tissues have been preserved by the method of plastination. In this process, the water and lipids in the tissue are replaced by polymers. The polymers are cured and hardened. As a result, the brains are hard, dry, and inert.

- BE GENTLE. Although these brains are more durable than fresh tissue, they can wear down with use. The plastic can break if it is bent, poked or dealt with harshly. Please be respectful and careful. In addition, please use bubble wrap and boxes to transport them to your teaching or outreach event. Report the condition of the tissues before and after use in the check-out form.

- Because the tissues are inert, safety gloves are not required; however, you may notice that some of the specimens are oily. This is due to the polymer oils from the plastination process. You may wear gloves to avoid getting this oil on your hands, however the oil is not harmful. Whether or not you use gloves, all students must wash hands after handling a specimen(s).

- Please return items as soon as you are done.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the above guidelines for use of plastinated tissue, and I agree to follow these guidelines and to respect tissues.

____________________________________
Full Name (Print)

____________________________________
Signature

________________________
Date (MM/DD/YYYY)