



College of Science

## **INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM IN NEUROSCIENCE**

George Mason University®

### **COS – IPN Plastinated Brain Specimens Borrowing Agreement**

These guidelines are to ensure the ethical and respectful care of plastinated specimens.

*\*Acknowledgment of Donor Contributions\**

*The specimens provided by von Hagens Plastination are prepared from donors that consented to the long-term preservation of their tissue and any specimens derived from its preparation. The use of these specimens is made possible through the generosity of individuals who have selflessly donated their bodies for educational and research purposes. All processes involving the preparation of these specimens were carried out with comprehensive informed consent, transparency and strict quality assurance to ensure the highest ethical standards were upheld. It is imperative that the use of these specimens continues to reflect the highest standards of respect, dignity, and ethical responsibility.*

1. Please pick up and return the items on the dates specified on your request form. Each item will be inspected at pick up/return to ensure all pieces are in good working order and complete.
2. Please wash hands and wear gloves before handling specimens.
3. Use caution when unpacking/packing of specimens in their designated containers.
4. All areas where the materials will be handled must be kept clean. No food or drink should be present.
5. Do not puncture specimen with hard instruments or materials including poking with fingernails. We recommend a laser or soft rubber pointer to illustrate structures.
6. Do not try to bind, pull, move, or divide the structures with your hands/fingers.
7. Specimens should be kept below 85°F/35°C and exposure to UV light should be limited. Do not leave in your car or next to a window during warm temperatures. Higher temperatures can cause leakage of excess uncured silicone from the core of the specimen.
8. Do not allow students or untrained staff to touch the plastinate brain.

\_\_\_\_\_ accepts the loan and care, custody, and control of the below listed items and agrees to adhere to the borrowing and handling instructions.

<b>Items on loan</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Date Returned</b>
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2.		
3.		
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Name

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Signature