

**-ASSIGNMENT-
Due August 3, 2009**

CLINICAL HUMAN ANATOMY

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Florida College of Medicine. Shortly, you will begin a wonderful journey that you have anticipated – the study of medicine. One of your first courses will be Clinical Human Anatomy – the study of the human body through dissection. This is an event to which some students look forward with great anticipation and excitement, some with dread, and some with fear. Seldom are students unaffected in one way or another by this experience. Some have likened gross anatomy to an initiation or rite of passage into medicine, for when you enter this course you will join the ranks of a privileged few who have had the opportunity to dissect the human body. This is one of the first identifiable steps that will set you apart from other professions. You will discover that gross anatomy is not only the accumulation of facts about the human body, but is the beginning of a transformation in which you will not only gain knowledge but develop in other dimensions as well.

The teaching faculty for the Clinical Human Anatomy course requests that you reflect upon the thoughts and feelings that are evoked in you as you anticipate the experience of human dissection. Then, express your thoughts about this upcoming experience by taking a piece of paper (or computer or whatever medium you think is suitable) and either draw an image, or write down, very briefly, the words that come to your mind. Please send your submission to Susan Sorci via fax (353) 392-9511, email (ssorci@ufl.edu), or regular mail (University of Florida College of Medicine, PO Box 100215, Gainesville, FL 32610-0215 Attn: Susan Sorci) **by August 3, 2009**.

A special orientation session is scheduled at 2:00 on Monday, August 17, so that you may approach your study of gross anatomy with anticipation. During the session, we will share with the class some of the images and words that have been sent in about the expectations of this approaching experience; no names will be used. We believe this session will be enlightening and inspiring. Following the presentation, we will tour the gross anatomy laboratory, provide you the opportunity to ask questions, and familiarize yourself with the laboratory protocols before the course officially begins on Tuesday, August 18.

We look forward to being your teachers during your first phase of medical training.

Sincerely,

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