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**Policy Category : Academic**  
**Policy Owner : Associate Dean for Student  
Affairs**

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**Policy Audience : Students, Manager of  
Research Compliance, and Associate  
Dean for Student Affairs**

**1. Definitions :**

**2. Medical Curriculum Committee Review :**

February 22, 2022

**3. Introduction / Purpose :**

Pregnancy and the Gross Anatomy Lab guidelines

**4. Governance and Enforcement :**

Associate Dean for Student Affairs

**5. Policy :**

1. Students who are pregnant or who are considering pregnancy are advised to consult with their primary care providers before beginning or continuing the sequence of anatomy laboratory exercises. 2. If a student expects to be pregnant during lab rotations, she is to inform the Associate Dean of Student Affairs. At that time, the student will be referred to the Manager of Research Compliance, who will inform her of the potential risks of exposure to the embalming compounds, e.g. formaldehyde and phenol as used in the Gross Anatomy Lab. 3. The student will also be instructed on potential filter devices that can be used to remove these chemicals from the air and that can be fitted to the student. A filtration device and its correct fitting may be provided at the school's expense. 4. The student must provide written recommendation from her physician of consultation regarding potential exposures and that the wearing of a specific filtration unit is recommended for her/his patient and that the student is sufficiently physically fit to respire through that filtration unit. 3. The student will also be instructed on potential filter

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## **6. Key Stakeholders :**

Students, Manager of Research Compliance and Associate Dean for Student Affairs