Laboratory Regulations

1) Students are responsible for providing their own gloves, lab coats, and scalpel blades. We will provide atlases and other instruments for use in the lab. Extra lab coats are also available for your use.

2) Unauthorized personnel are not allowed in the laboratory without the permission of the Course Director. Authorized persons include faculty of SSOM faculty, residents, graduate students, medical students currently enrolled or assisting in the course, the staff associated with the course, and maintenance personnel.

3) Visiting student groups from high schools and other educational institutions are permitted entry after class hours only when accompanied by their accompanying advisor and a faculty or staff member approved by the Course Director.

4) Members of the SSOM Committee on Admissions and office staff may accompany applicants to view formal dissection periods during class hours.

5) When you have finished working on your cadaver, please ensure that the dissected region is damp and the cadaver is fully covered. Cadavers assigned to others may be uncovered only by permission of those students.

6) No cameras are allowed in the laboratory without permission from the Course Director.

7) No cadaver tissue, skeletal material, electric dissection tools, or cadaver wraps may be taken from the laboratory at any time.

8) Smoking, eating, and drinking is not permitted in the laboratory.

9) At all times, please maintain a respectful attitude towards the cadavers, which have been donated for your benefit.

10) Students are required to maintain the laboratory in a clean, orderly condition. Do not leave paper towels or other pieces of trash on the floors or tables. Return tools to the appropriate cupboard drawers. Place used scalpel blades in the red safety containers provided for this purpose. Compliance for maintaining a clean and orderly lab
environment is a component of the Professionalism competency goal for SHB and SSOM.

11) Fluid must be drained from the dissecting table as it accumulates. Please wipe up any spills on the floor immediately, as this fluid makes the floor hazardous.

12) All exposed skin must be covered during dissection. Garments worn in the laboratory must be washed at frequent intervals. Shoes worn in the lab must adequately protect the top of the foot. Gloves must be worn by all persons handling cadavers. Students must wear lab coats over street clothes.

13) Respect for others in the close-quarter conditions of the lab around the dissection table is shown by wearing a surgical mask over the mouth and nose if you have an upper respiratory tract infection.

14) Report any injury, lightheadedness, or skin irritation to a faculty member immediately. If injured, you may be taken immediately to the E.R., or security may be called to initiate transport if necessary.

15) No disrespect toward fellow students, faculty, staff, the laboratory and its resources, or the cadaver will be tolerated at any time. Professionalism must be displayed at all times.

16) No music playing (including radios) is allowed during scheduled lab sessions.

17) Because dissection is done in teams, students are expected to observe the policies governing use of the assigned laboratory times. In other words, the team not assigned to dissection on any given day will not be allowed to be present in the dissection bay(s).

18) Teams will serve as a learning resource to each other. Teams will inform and guide each other in achieving the dissection goals and objectives.