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MEMORANDUM

TO: Course Directors and Investigators

FROM: Shoshana A. Matusak, MSL 
Director, OOAS

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RE: Bloodborne Pathogen Training Requirement

Effective immediately, please be advised of the requirement below for Bloodborne Pathogen Training prior to the conduct of labs, courses and studies involving human cadavers and cadaveric material. This training is required annually and the Department of Environmental Health & Safety provides faculty, staff and students with the option for interactive training through the internet. Please visit http://www.ehs.pitt.edu/workplace/web_training.html for more detailed information.

In order to help protect everyone who comes into contact with human anatomic specimens and to minimize the risk of exposure, all faculty, staff, students, external participants and vendor representatives are required to complete the Bloodborne Pathogen Training Module.

NOTE: Staff and students must have previously attended a live University of Pittsburgh training session. Faculty and postdoctoral staff are exempt from this requirement.

The module for Bloodborne Pathogen Training is available at the Schools of Health Sciences eLearning website at <https://cme.hs.pitt.edu>

The purpose of this module is to: 1) define bloodborne pathogens; 2) explain the potential for occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens; and, 3) explain how to reduce the potential for exposure to bloodborne pathogens.

Instructions for establishing an HSConnect account and accessing the site are available from the eLearning team by clicking on the help links.

Certificates must be provided to the OOAS prior to commencement of lab activities. If you have already completed this training, please forward a copy of the certificate to me.

Your compliance with this requirement is extremely important.

Thank you.