

Letter to the Editor**IMPORTANCE OF AWARENESS ON BODY DONATION IN HEALTH SCIENCE STUDENTS****Ravindra S. Swamy, Naveen Kumar***Department of Anatomy, Melaka Manipal Medical College (Manipal Campus), Manipal University, Karnataka State, India*

Dear editor,

The debate section of "Revista Argentina de Anatomía Clínica" has brought up an essential topic about 'Importance of cadaver donation'. In the part II of this debate, authors have contributed significantly about the issues; especially Dr Namita Sharma has emphasized the difficulties of Indian population while considering body donation (Biasutto et al, 2014). Some of the reasons may be religious beliefs and its restrictions. Many people presume that the body is tortured during the process of dissection and hence find it difficult to cope with such a presumption. This psychological phobia towards the body donation in the people may be fueled by the relatives and society. Therefore, effect of social criticism on body donation is immense (Singh et al., 2004). Thus, a large number of volunteers are required to remove this psychological phobia and educate the society about the importance of body donation. This army of volunteers can be easily assembled by encouraging and training the health science students regarding body donation. By means,

conducting interactive sessions with members of the society, these students equipped with the necessary knowledge and resources may change people's mindset leading to increase in willingness to pledge for body donation. These co-curricular activities may be designed for the students and active participation ought to be rewarded. Such programs would significantly help to meet the need of cadavers for teaching and research purposes in anatomy.

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