



General Information for Use of DAR Necropsy Suite (WBRB G30)

Reservations:

- To reserve the necropsy suite, please fill out the [Reservation Request form](#). Requests should be submitted at least one week in advance to ensure availability. While DAR may accommodate special circumstances, reservations are typically granted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Once the DAR staff confirms the requested date and time, a calendar invitation will be sent to the respective lab member for their confirmation.
- Upon confirmation of the reservation, [cancellation fees](#) apply.
- After completing work in the suite, please email the following information to somdar-vetdx@emory.edu within 24 hours:
 - Time spent in room (entry and exit time)
 - All disposable supplies used such as scalpel blades, syringes, formalin, specimen containers, etc.

Fee Schedule FY 2024:

- Reservation Fee: \$27.54
- Necropsy Suite Usage Fees:
 - Large Animal: Half Day \$189.64; Full Day: \$379.28
 - Small Animal: \$47.41 per hour
- PPE: \$12.93
- Cancellation Fees:
 - <24-hours: \$222.61/event; <72-hours: \$148.04/event; <7days: \$74.20/event

PPE:

- PPE Required at all times: Disposable gown, gloves, bonnets, and shoe covers.
- Reusable gowns are for DAR Staff use only.
- Goggles are required for formalin/formaldehyde perfusion.
- Notify DAR Staff if PPE stock is depleted.

Instruments/Equipment

- A dissection microscope and necropsy instruments are available for use.
 - Stryker saw, knives, hemostats, forceps, scissors, scalpel handles, etc.
- Note that necropsy tools are maintained at a level suitable for necropsy and should not be considered 'surgery sharp.'
- Please notify DAR Staff of any items in disrepair.
- All instruments must be cleaned after use.
- Cleaning supplies are available for use
 - Dawn soap, Clorox H2O2, 70% alcohol, Vimoba, etc.



- A mop, broom, and a set of cleaning brushes are available for use.

Necropsy Tables and Hoods:

- When using chemical or biological hazards, the Large Animal Table must be fully assembled with baffles and perforated panels in place to ensure proper downdraft.
- After use, disassemble tables, scrub, rinse and run water and garbage disposal for five minutes.

Floors:

- The suite floor must be swept after use.
- If blood or other biological materials are present, mop with Vimoba.

-80 Freezer:

- Label items placed in the -80 freezer clearly with PI name, date and description.
- Log all items placed inside the freezer door.

Biohazard Trash Bins

- Avoid using biohazard cans for tissue disposal; change bag if tissues are disposed in them or use small carcass bags.
 - Place full biohazard bags in the carcass cooler; extra bags are under the sink by the fume hood.

Large Animal Carcass Disposal

- Consult with surgery for large animal disposal methods; supplies are provided by the surgical team.

Animals Housed in ABSL-2 or ABSL-3

- Animals that have received infectious agents cannot be brought into the necropsy suite. Necropsies must be performed on these animals in the biocontainment room.

Exiting Procedures:

- Disinfect equipment, remove PPE, and disinfect shoes when exiting the room.

Cleaning Charge:

- A cleaning charge applies for unkempt spaces after necropsies; remove all traces of blood or biological materials.