

Statement of intent

PART A: to be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS by person making donation

Title.....Surname.....

First Name(s).....

Address.....

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Postcode..... Telephone.....

Date of birth..... Religion/faith (if applicable).....

I wish to donate my body after my death. I wish it to be used for medical research in connection with the illness variously known as Myalgic Encephalopathy, Mygalic Encephalomyelitis, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Signature..... Date.....

PART B: Witness declaration (signature of next of kin, executor, GP, friend, etc)

**I confirm that I have witnessed
(insert name of donor) completing PART A of this form.**

Surname

First Name(s).....

Address

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Postcode..... Relationship to donor.....

Signature..... Date.....

Points to remember

Complete both parts of this form and keep them with your Will or legal papers. Please also notify your GP, relatives, close friends and executors of your intentions and this consent. Someone will also need to know where it is kept.

Please note that written consent must be given prior to death. It cannot be given by anyone else after your death.

As we need to be notified as soon as possible after death, the next-of-kin (or solicitor) must be informed that they should make contact with the ME Association – preferably within hours of a death occurring. (Tel: 01280 818968, email: meconnect@meassociation.org.uk) We will then try and speak to the Coroner and relatives to make the necessary arrangements and attempt to find a neuropathologist willing to help.

It will also be very helpful if there is also a separate note containing a brief summary of your ME/CFS illness (in particular date of onset, results of any investigations, who confirmed the diagnosis, key symptoms, medication) as well as details of any other significant illnesses.

Different procedures will apply once an ME/CFS brain and tissue bank has been established.