NTU medical school to use plastinated bodies

Nanyang Technological University's new medical school will be pioneering the use of plastinated bodies for medical education in Singapore.

Plastinated bodies are human bodies which people have pledged towards the learning and advancement of science upon their death and are preserved through plastination.

These human bodies are preserved by replacing the fat and water in body tissues with plastic. The human bodies and body parts, known as specimens, will be used in anatomy classes taught at the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine.

They will be ready for the first batch of 54 medical students this August.

The new medical school, jointly set up by NTU and Imperial College London, had ordered the human bodies and specimens from Germany, which were prepared to the school's specifications.

With the use of plastinated bodies and specimens, traditionally preserved cadavers which are in short supply in Singapore, will no longer be needed.