Colour-Holographic Recordings of Potted Anatomical Human Specimens
In Medical Education

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Dissection

- Human being that formally lived a life
- Traditional teaching method
- Rapid rise in number of medical students
- Shortage in availability for dissection
Anatomy & Dissection

- Important to understand not only the organ, but also the surrounding structures
Limitations

- Maintained in toxic fluid
- Supply dependent upon donation
- Legalities of storage and transport
Human Tissue Act 2005

- UK Legal framework for “the removal, storage, use and disposal of material that contains any human cells”
- Does not restrict the making and displaying of images
- Provides guidance on making/using recordings
- “maintaining the dignity” of the deceased highlighted
Modern approaches

- Plastic models
- Computer assisted
- Touch screen interactive
Can Holography be used effectively?
Anatomical specimens

- Bangor University - Library of rare, historical / modern anatomical specimens
- Kept in perspex glass containing a preserving fluid
- Main uses - Historical library & Anatomical / Medical Education
Tissue Specimen

- Vermiform Appendix
- Sample size 3 x 1.5 inch
- Plate size 4 x 5 inch
Anatomic variations

- Numerous anatomical variations relative to other structures
- Variation of anatomy effects clinical management of disease

[Diagram of anatomical structures]
Is this useful for teaching? Yes

- Perfect detail - Can appreciate very fine structures
- No complex legal issues of storage - It can be permanently displayed in any classroom
- One image can be distributed to many anatomy centres
- Easy to store to create a library
Issues to address

- Surrounding structures need to be included in order for appreciation of function and significance
- Image needs to be put in context with a lesson plan
- Ethic and moral issues
- Impact on medical education needs to be investigated
- Incorporation of movement