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I have had the privilege of working with Jim Donak as a facilitator for his human cadaver study workshops and as a patient. In both associations I find him a remarkable clinician and teacher. He has a tremendous breadth of knowledge and skill which he shares with great respect and gentle manner.

For the last 3 years Jim has used our anatomy lab at Samuel Merritt University to demonstrate and explore the human form. His students are greatly varied - body workers, yoga instructors, medical clinicians and those with general interests. I am impressed how well he relates to each of them and attends to each of their individual goals. Jim is well informed by training and considerable personal study. He shares his information so clearly it is easy to retain. His dissection skills are meticulous and focused, a joy to observe. The enthusiasm from his students is palpable.

I am also impressed how well Jim uses and cares for our facility. He is always respectful of our donors and leads by example to his students and co-workers. Each workshop is well organized around the material currently available and the lab is maintained throughout the course of each program. Jim has become a very welcome addition to our rather guarded anatomy lab.

As a patient I would repeat many of the same adjectives that I've observed as lab manager in his workshops. Gracious, professional, focused and caring with an extraordinary amount of knowledge of the inner connections and variations found in the human form. He is an excellent and gentle teacher.

It is a pleasure to recommend Jim Donak to others.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andy Chamberlin'.

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