



UHCO is one of the first optometry institutions in the nation to use the Anatomage Table, a 3D anatomy table that uses digital cadavers to teach anatomy solely for the optometry program. The world's first virtual dissection table allows users to visualize anatomy as they would on a human cadaver.

Students will learn anatomy using young and well preserved digital cadavers instead of relying fully on books and human cadavers. They will see structures in multiple dimensions, study human systems individually or in groupings, and observe content they could not see using human cadavers.

The intuitive table with no chemicals and no unpleasant smell offers students a new way of learning anatomy. They will understand context and relevance of the organs they are studying.

Partial funding from the S. R. Marco Family Foundation allowed UHCO to purchase the two Anatomage Tables.

"I want to thank David Marco and the Marco Foundation for their support. The Anatomage Table provides an innovative, world class learning opportunity for our students. In a University as diverse as ours, this will give us the opportunity to accommodate students who, because of religious, cultural reasons or past trauma could not work with human cadavers," UHCO Dean and Greeman-Petty Professor, Earl L. Smith said.

Students can now prepare better for the national board exams with 24/7 access to study anatomy using virtual dissection. Many pre-loaded case studies including ocular case reports provide rich, immersive learning experiences.

"The S. R. Marco Foundation is delighted to provide funding to UHCO for a cause that elevates student success and has a long-term impact to the profession," David Marco, CEO, Marco Ophthalmic said.

Established in 1982 by Seymour Marco, the S.R. Marco Family Foundation supports health schools and programs across the country, particularly those focusing on eye care. Seymour Marco was one of the

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first developers of soft contact lenses. Today, the family foundation is overseen by son, David Marco.