

Interview with Andy Zawacki, COO of the Cryonics Institute.

*What is your role?*

My "role" is as an employee of the Cryonics Institute. I am also a director.

*How long have you been practicing this, and in what numbers?*

I have been working here for over 33 years.

*How do I become a Member? Is it an annual fee or one off payment? Do I have to be accepted?*

You become a member by completing a membership application and returning it to us with your membership fee. Annual dues are required for annual members and a one-time payment is required for a lifetime member. The type of membership you join under is up to you.

*Can you take me through the process, from moment of death to storage?*

When a person dies, they are ideally cooled in water ice and their heart function is maintained. They will receive some different medications to stabilise them and they will be transported to our facility. Once at our facility they will be perfused and then cooled and placed in a cryostat.

*How is the science exploring the methods to 'unfreeze' and revive a stored body?*

We are currently not funding any research projects.

*Also - in 33 years, have you funded any research? As it seems if I am going to ever be reawakened, this might be important?*

We have funded research before, but are currently not doing so. There are plenty of other companies doing research in cryobiology. If you do some research using google, you should be able to find some articles showing the advancements made so far.

*Can you elaborate further on any advancements made?*

Not at this time, no.

*Can I be visited once in storage? Can I be seen?*

You can't be viewed once you are in storage.

*Can I have objects, sentimental things etc, placed in there with me?*

No objects are allowed with you in the cryostat, but we can store small items in your personal file, or you can purchase a memorabilia storage drawer for any larger items you wish to keep.

*Are the bodies checked or stimulated in anyway whilst frozen?*

The cryostats containing the patients are checked every day.

*Just to clarify, you can't guarantee anything in regards to coming 'back to life'?*

There are no guarantees.

*Is there any truth in Walt Disney being a pioneer and one of the first cryogenic 'frozen' patients?*

No. There is no truth to the Walt Disney rumours.