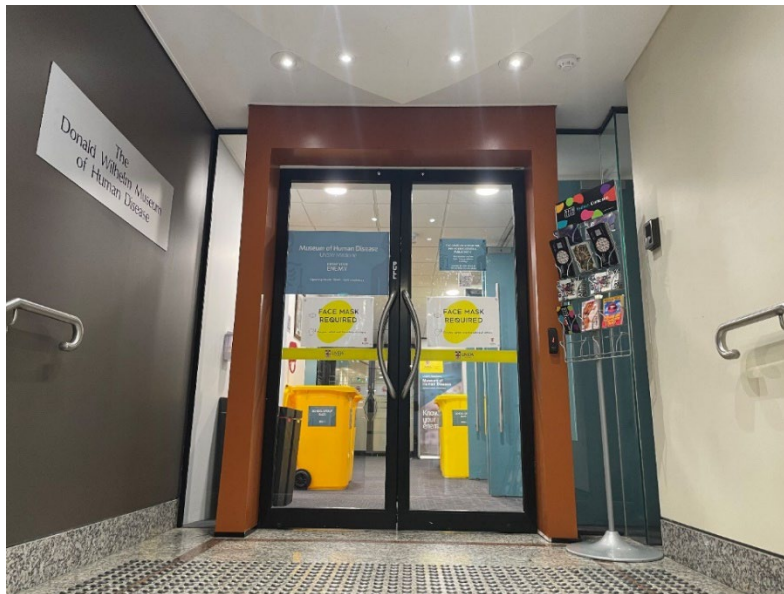


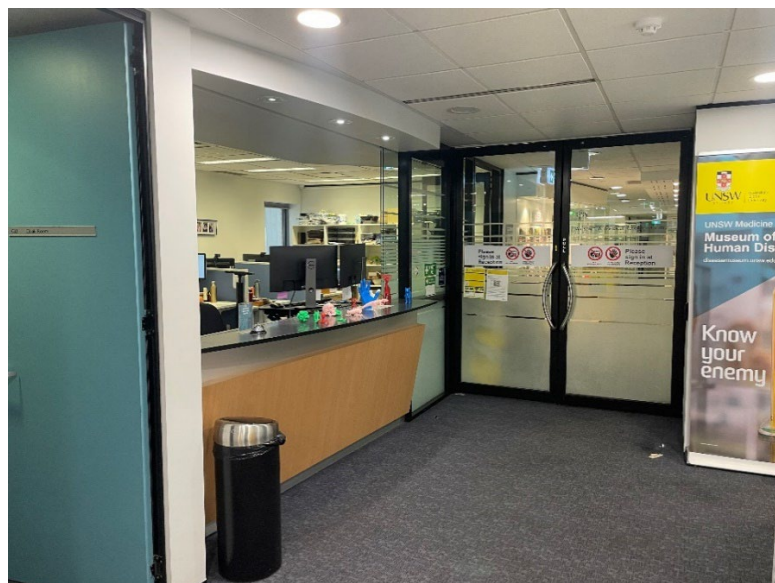
# Visiting the Museum of Human Disease: A social narrative

I am going to visit the Museum of Human Disease.



The museum teaches people about the human body, diseases and medicine.

Sometimes there may be other guests at the same time, and I may need to wait in line to enter. This is okay. It is good to wait my turn so that others can see the museum as well.



When I enter the museum, I will be asked not to take photos of the specimens up close. I can take photos of myself in the museum. I can also take a photo with Sammy the Skeleton!



There may be many people inside and it may be noisy. Other people are excited to see the museum too! If it is too loud, I can wear my headphones or move to a quieter area.

I will see many specimens. Specimens are objects or parts of the body that have been preserved so that they will last a long time.



The specimens in the museum are from real people. They show what happens to the body when people are sick with different diseases.

I can speak about the specimens with words like “strange”, “interesting” or “unusual”, and I can try not to use words like “disgusting” or “gross”. This will show my respect for the people that the specimens came from.

It can feel uncomfortable to look at the specimens. That is ok. It is normal for people to feel uncomfortable at first.

If I need a break from the specimens, I can go into the foyer or outside the museum until I am ready to come back.

Even though the specimens are from people who had diseases, they cannot make me sick. The boxes around them are called pots and keep me safe.



The pots also keep the specimens safe. They are fragile, so I don't want to break them. To look after them, it is important to move slowly and not touch the specimens.

In Bay 9 there is a TV that plays videos about health and science. These videos have music and sound. If they are too loud, I can wear my headphones or move to a quieter area.



Bay 18 is the Trauma Bay. This section of the museum has specimens with injuries that can be upsetting for some people. There is a sign to remind me of this outside the bay. If I am not sure about looking at these specimens, I do not have to look in this bay.



The staff at the museum are friendly and love to answer questions. They will wear black lanyards, museum t-shirts or name badges. If I have questions or want to find something, I can ask them for help.