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cases**

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- identify treatment requirements through a pre-embalming case analysis and treat complex cases of post mortem complications using correct techniques and following work health and safety/occupational health and safety and infection control practices
- prepare mortuary area and select and use the required instruments and equipment
- clean, disinfect and sterilise the mortuary area, instruments and equipment at conclusion of the treatment
- complete the case analysis report.

Evidence of performance of treating two or more complex post mortem cases is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- requirements for preparing the mortuary facility
- mortuary equipment, instruments and materials and associated uses
- cause and effect of people who have died of infectious and other diseases or complications and the embalming implications of these conditions
- specific body examination techniques for tissue gas
- case specific chemicals, strengths and volume
- properties of cauterising agents
- anatomical and linear guides for selected arteries raised
- hypodermic insertion procedures for tissue gas cases
- areas to be treated with restorative work for trauma cases
- hazards, complications and problems that may be associated with treating complex cases of post mortem complications, including:
 - sharps injuries
 - needle stick injuries
 - blood splash
 - infection
 - chemical spill
 - wet area

- application of standard precautions, including
 - use of personal protective equipment
 - presumption that all blood and body fluids are infectious
 - covering exposed cuts and abrasions, particularly on workers' hands, with waterproof coverings prior to commencement of work
 - immediate treatment of puncture wounds or abrasions
- funeral services industry parameters and protocols for dealing with the deceased, including social, cultural and religious considerations
- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations in relevant to work health and safety/occupational health and safety, infection control and handling human remains
- environmental impacts regarding embalming procedures and minimal impact practices to reduce these
- correct and environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substances
- workplace policies and procedures in relation to treating tissue gas.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a mortuary workplace:

- using suitable equipment and resources, including:
 - deceased bodies exhibiting a variety of complex post mortem cases
 - mortuary instruments and equipment including personal protective equipment, chemicals and cleansing and disinfecting products
- under industry operating conditions where there is:
 - integration of tasks with possible interruptions to work typical of the job role
 - speed and timing requirements that reflect commercial operating conditions
 - interaction with team members

As well as satisfying the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements, assessors must also hold formal qualifications as an embalmer.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c2c3131e-4418-4aa3-8ff1-a855c95f7fd6>