



Australian Government

SIFEMWK013 Determine embalming requirements

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to transfer a deceased person to a mortuary room and ascertain the body condition, classify the body and evaluate the effects and treatments for a range of body conditions and problems. It applies to embalming staff who work autonomously with a high level of responsibility and according to work health and safety, relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Mortuary Work and Embalming

Unit Sector

Embalming

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Identify the deceased person.	1.1 Confirm identity of deceased on name tag. 1.2 Check and confirm details are accurate against documentation.
2. Prepare mortuary areas and equipment.	2.1 Prepare and use personal protective equipment. 2.2 Prepare mortuary area and appropriate mortuary instruments and equipment.
3. Prepare for a pre-embalming case analysis.	3.1 Transfer the deceased person from mortuary refrigerator to mortuary room. 3.2 Confirm death using appropriate non-invasive observation techniques. 3.3 Advise team members of the extent of the procedure to be performed and associated precautions that may need to be taken. 3.4 Discuss emotional issues likely to be encountered with a particular case.

4. Analyse embalming requirements.
- 4.1 Identify physical and chemical changes of the body.
 - 4.2 Inspect the body for a range of body conditions using appropriate instruments, apparatus and materials.
 - 4.3 Identify and evaluate effects and treatments required for any identified body conditions.
 - 4.4 Determine appropriate embalming techniques and required solution quantity, strength, pressures and rates of flow, taking into account identified body conditions and effects of different treatments.

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed below:

- Learning skills to stay abreast with changing techniques and treatments.
- Writing skills to complete embalming requirements report.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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