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SIFEMWK016 Treat complex ante mortem cases

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to treat a variety of complex cases of ante mortem complications using radical techniques, where such action is required and likely to be successful, prior to a viewing of the deceased person by the family.

The ante mortem cases requiring specialised embalming skills include bariatric deceased persons, deceased persons with emaciation, jaundice and oedema. 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

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1. Prepare to treat complex cases of ante mortem complications.

2. Treat bariatric deceased person.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1 Prepare and use personal protective equipment.
- 1.2 Prepare mortuary area and appropriate mortuary instruments and equipment.
- 1.3 Conduct case analysis to identify type of condition through physical examination of the deceased person.
- 1.4 Liaise with funeral staff and family, where appropriate, about the possible outcome of the treatment for viewing purposes.
- 2.1 Determine if assistance is required to move deceased.
- 2.2 Establish best positioning for the embalming

- procedure.
- 2.3 Confirm appropriate primary injection site.
 - 2.4 Determine specific chemicals required including strength and volume.
 - 2.5 Recognise and manage hazards, complications and problems.
3. Treat deceased persons with emaciation.
- 3.1 Cleanse and disinfect the body.
 - 3.2 Check skin for skin slip and durability.
 - 3.3 Identify extent of emaciation.
 - 3.4 Confirm appropriate primary injection site.
 - 3.5 Determine specific chemicals required including strength and volume.
 - 3.6 Identify hypodermic injection sites for areas requiring feature building.
 - 3.7 Recognise and manage hazards, complications and problems.
4. Treat deceased persons with jaundice.
- 4.1 Check whites of eyes for jaundice.
 - 4.2 Cleanse and disinfect the body.
 - 4.3 Check skin for skin slip and durability.
 - 4.4 Identify extent of jaundice condition in relation to bilirubin/biliverdin conversion.
 - 4.5 Confirm appropriate primary injection site.
 - 4.6 Determine specific chemicals required including strength and volume.
 - 4.7 Recognise and manage hazards, complications and problems.
5. Treat deceased persons with oedema.
- 5.1 Cleanse and disinfect the body.
 - 5.2 Check skin for skin slip and durability.
 - 5.3 Identify type, location and extent of oedema through physical examination of the deceased person's skin.
 - 5.4 Confirm appropriate primary injection site.
 - 5.5 Determine specific chemicals required including strength and volume.
 - 5.6 Use elevation or other techniques to reduce swelling.
 - 5.7 Check for leakage areas.
 - 5.8 Identify and manage hazards, complications and problems.
6. Complete documentation and clean instruments, equipment and mortuary area.
- 6.1 Complete case analysis report including reference to any complications that occurred during treatment and corrective actions taken.
 - 6.2 Clean, disinfect or sterilise instruments and

equipment.

6.3 Dispose of waste materials as appropriate.

6.4 Store instruments and equipment and report faults.

6.5 Clean and disinfect mortuary area.

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 identify and assess a variety of complex cases of ante mortem complications.
- Reading skills to interpret work health and safety and infection control legislation.
- Numeracy skills to calculate ratio for disinfecting instruments and equipment.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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