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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- remove the wrapping and clothing from the deceased person, cleanse and disinfect the body and relieve rigor mortis
- 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.

Evidence of performance of cleansing and disinfecting deceased persons on two or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- mortuary instruments and equipment used for cleansing and disinfecting bodies and associated uses
- preparation requirements for the mortuary area
- body cleansing and disinfecting techniques
- properties and uses of germicidal sprays and disinfectants
- workplace policies and procedures for cleansing and disinfecting deceased bodies and, sterilisation procedures for mortuary instruments and equipment
- correct and environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substances
- structure and functions of the system of the body, including the musculo-skeletal in relation to cleansing and disinfecting deceased bodies
- effect of rigor mortis and techniques use to relieve it in the body
- funeral services industry parameters and protocols for dealing with the deceased, including social cultural and religious requirements considerations
- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations relating to work health and safety/occupational health and safety, infection control and handling human remains.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a mortuary workplace:

- using suitable equipment and resources, including:
 - deceased persons
 - mortuary instruments and equipment, including personal protective equipment and chemicals
- 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

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Links

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