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SIFEMWK006 Set facial features

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to disinfect and set facial features on a deceased body. It applies to funeral home staff members who work autonomously with a reasonable level of responsibility 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. Conduct preparatory procedures for setting facial features.

2. Disinfect and close eyes.

3. Disinfect nasal cavity.

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 instruments and equipment.

2.1 Cleanse, disinfect, dry and relieve eyelids of rigor mortis using swabs.

2.2 Collect and dispose of soiled cotton in biowaste container.

2.3 Apply mortuary cream to eye caps or cotton and place onto eyeball.

2.4 Close upper eyelid 2/3 down and lower eyelid 1/3 up.

2.5 Conduct evaluation and take corrective action to ensure eye closure looks natural.

3.1 Thoroughly clean and disinfect nasal cavity.

- 3.2 Dry cavity and pack with cotton coated with mortuary cream as required.
- 4. Disinfect and close mouth.
 - 4.1 Relieve rigor mortis in mandible and maxilla.
 - 4.2 Remove any dental prostheses and clean with a brush and disinfectant soap.
 - 4.3 Thoroughly disinfect complete oral cavity, including teeth, gums and tongue and cleanse with cotton soaked in appropriate disinfectant.
 - 4.4 Dry oral cavity and pack posterior region with cotton coated with mortuary cream.
 - 4.5 Select and apply appropriate mouth closure method.
 - 4.6 Use mouth former or cotton to replace missing teeth as required.
 - 4.7 Pad buccal cavities with cotton or other appropriate material to fill out natural contours.
 - 4.8 Model mouth and lips into a pleasing, natural position.
- 5. Shave facial hair as required.
 - 5.1 Determine need for shaving of facial hair.
 - 5.2 Apply suitable lubricant to soften skin.
 - 5.3 Shave facial hair using a disposable razor, ensuring the removal of hair is thorough.
 - 5.4 Remove all residues of lubricant and hair and dry face.
 - 5.5 Apply mortuary cream to prevent razor burn.
- 6. Clean instruments, equipment and mortuary area.
 - 6.1 Clean, disinfect or sterilise instruments and equipment according to hygiene and infection control procedures.
 - 6.2 Dispose of waste materials safely and according to hygiene and infection control.
 - 6.3 Store instruments and equipment according to workplace requirements.
 - 6.4 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 are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

SIFMWK007A Set facial features.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for SIFEMWK006 Set facial features

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Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- disinfect, close facial body cavities, set facial features, and shave facial hair if required, 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.

Evidence of performance of setting facial features 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 setting facial features and their associated uses
- preparation requirements for the mortuary area
- properties and uses of germicidal sprays and disinfectants
- structure and functions of the system of the face in relation to setting facial features
- facial dimensions for correct alignment of features
- techniques for setting facial features
- workplace policies and procedures for cleansing, disinfecting and setting facial features
- environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substances
- 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 bodies

- mortuary instruments, 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.

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