



Australian Government

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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 perform abdominal and thoracic cavity treatments 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 case analysis reports.

Evidence of performance of treating the abdominal and thoracic cavities of different cases 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 treating abdominal and thoracic cavities and associated uses
- techniques for body examination
- organs relating to the abdominal and thoracic cavities and their treatment during the embalming process, including:
 - upper body and thoracic areas:
 - right atrium of the heart
 - right lung
 - left lung
 - thoracic cavity
 - lower body and abdominal organs:
 - abdominal cavity
 - viscera
 - alimentary canal
 - stomach
 - liver

- small and large intestine
- pancreas
- spleen
- gall bladder
- blood vessels
- appendix
- bladder
- kidneys
- uterus
- rectum
- invasive and non-invasive medical paraphernalia
- trocar insertion and suturing procedures
- hazards, complications and problems that may be associated with abdominal and thoracic cavities treatment, including but not restricted to:
 - sharps injuries
 - needle stick injuries
 - blood splash
 - infection
 - chemical spill
 - wet area
- workplace policies and procedures for treating abdominal and thoracic cavities
- 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 requiring abdominal and cavity treatment
 - embalming equipment, instruments and chemicals including personal protective equipment
- 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.

In addition to mandatory requirements, assessors of this unit or at least one person in the assessment team must hold a Certificate IV in Embalming or equivalent.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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