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SIFEMWK010 Restore minor body damage

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to repair minor body damage caused by an accident in preparation for a viewing of the deceased person by the family. 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. Prepare to restore the body.	1.1 Prepare and use personal protective equipment. 1.2 Prepare mortuary area and appropriate instruments and equipment. 1.3 Identify restorative requirements through examination of the deceased person. 1.4 Access and analyse photographs of the deceased person, if available, to assist with restorative work.
2. Complete body restorative work	2.1 Inspect body for minor cuts and openings and identify appropriate repair techniques and required instruments. 2.2 Cauterise cuts and openings and where appropriate use a suitable needle and suture cord to close incision using sealing powder. 2.3 Repair or conceal minor wounds or abrasions using appropriate repair techniques.

- 2.4 Conduct evaluation of restorative work and perform remedial action as required.
 - 2.5 Identify hazards, complications and problems and take appropriate corrective action.
- 3. Clean equipment and mortuary area.
 - 3.1 Clean, disinfect or sterilise instruments and equipment.
 - 3.2 Dispose of waste materials.
 - 3.3 Store instruments and equipment and report faults.
 - 3.4 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 in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed below:

- 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

SIFMWK008A Restore minor body damage.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for SIFEMWK010 Restore minor body damage

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Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- identify restorative requirements through examination and repair or conceal minor body damage 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 restoring minor body damage 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 cleansing and disinfecting bodies and their associated uses
- requirements for preparing the mortuary area
- properties and uses of germicidal sprays and disinfectants
- structure and functions of the systems of the body in relation to restoring minor body
- areas requiring evaluation for restorative repair, including:
 - eyes
 - skin
 - bruising
 - intravenous line punctures
 - tracheotomy or colostomy openings
 - other openings not closed
 - incisions not sutured
 - leakage from sutures
- restorative repair techniques, including:
 - suturing
 - gluing
 - concealment using cosmetics

- use of wax and creams
- application of standard precautions, including
 - use of personal protective equipment
 - presumption that all blood and body fluids are infectious
 - covering exposed cuts and abrasions, particularly on workers' hands, with waterproof coverings prior to commencement of work
 - immediate treatment of puncture wounds or abrasions
- workplace policies and procedures for performing minor body restoration procedures
- correct and 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 minor restoration
 - mortuary instruments and equipment including personal protective equipment and cleansing and disinfecting products
- 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

As well as satisfying the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements, assessors must also hold formal qualifications as an embalmer.

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