



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for SIFEMWK011 Treat the head and body after autopsies

Release: 1

Assessment Requirements for SIFEMWK011 Treat the head and body after autopsies

Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- identify requirements through examination to treat the head and body after an autopsy 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 treating the head and body after autopsy 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 restoring the head and body after an autopsy and associated uses
- requirements for preparing the mortuary area
- properties and uses of germicidal sprays and disinfectants
- anatomical structure and functions of the head and body in relation to the restoration of the head and body after autopsy
- concept of suturing and basic techniques in relation to embalming
- hazards, complications and problems that may be associated with head and body restoration, including:
 - sharps injuries
 - needle stick injuries
 - blood splash
 - infection
 - chemical spill
 - wet area
- 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 head and body restorations
- 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 on which autopsies have been performed
 - 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.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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