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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- identify the deceased and confirm details against documentation
- analyse the embalming requirements by examination and evaluate the treatments and effects for specified body conditions and problems
- calculate fluid dilutions for specific conditions using appropriate formulas
- determine the appropriate embalming techniques to be used and communicate these to mortuary staff advising of potential emotional issues.

Evidence of performance of determining embalming requirements 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:

- documentation for determining embalming requirements, including:
 - Medical Certificate or Certificate of Life Extinct
 - coroner's warrant
 - medical report
 - transfer instructions
 - waterproof identification tag fixed securely to body
 - list of personal property, including clothing and shoes for dressing the deceased
 - receipts for jewellery and other valuables
 - mortuary occupancy register
 - embalming form
- requirements for preparing the mortuary facility
- mortuary equipment, instruments and materials and their associated uses
- process for body examination using non-invasive observation techniques, including:
 - checking for no pulse
 - looking for fixed and dilated pupils
- structures and functions of the systems of the body and the physical and chemical changes following death and their possible impact on the embalming process, including:

- body moisture content
- vascular problems
- delayed embalming
- discolouration
- exposure to drug therapies
- trauma
- effects of embalming on various causes of death, medical treatments and procedures
- funeral services industry parameters and protocols for dealing with the deceased, including social, cultural and religious considerations
- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations in relevant to work health and safety/occupational health and safety, infection control and handling human remains
- workplace policies and procedures in relation to determining embalming requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a mortuary workplace:

- using suitable equipment and resources, including:
 - deceased bodies
 - 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
 - interaction with team members

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>