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SIFEMWK013 Determine embalming requirements

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to transfer a deceased person to a mortuary room and ascertain the body condition, classify the body and evaluate the effects and treatments for a range of body conditions and problems. 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

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1. Identify the deceased person.
2. Prepare mortuary areas and equipment.
3. Prepare for a pre-embalming case analysis.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1 Confirm identity of deceased on name tag.
- 1.2 Check and confirm details are accurate against documentation.
- 2.1 Prepare and use personal protective equipment.
- 2.2 Prepare mortuary area and appropriate mortuary instruments and equipment.
- 3.1 Transfer the deceased person from mortuary refrigerator to mortuary room.
- 3.2 Confirm death using appropriate non-invasive observation techniques.
- 3.3 Advise team members of the extent of the procedure to be performed and associated precautions that may need to be taken.
- 3.4 Discuss emotional issues likely to be encountered with a particular case.

4. Analyse embalming requirements.
- 4.1 Identify physical and chemical changes of the body.
 - 4.2 Inspect the body for a range of body conditions using appropriate instruments, apparatus and materials.
 - 4.3 Identify and evaluate effects and treatments required for any identified body conditions.
 - 4.4 Determine appropriate embalming techniques and required solution quantity, strength, pressures and rates of flow, taking into account identified body conditions and effects of different treatments.

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:

- Learning skills to stay abreast with changing techniques and treatments.
- Writing skills to complete embalming requirements report.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for SIFEMWK013 Determine embalming requirements

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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.

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