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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- identify treatment requirements through a pre-embalming case analysis
- perform arterial treatments using correct techniques, 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 and complete case analysis report at conclusion of the treatment.

Evidence of performance of performing arterial treatment of natural cases of different body conditions on twenty or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- 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
- circulatory and lymphatic systems in terms of their importance to embalming
- arterial sites used for injecting embalming fluid
- physical and chemical changes that occur after death and their possible impact on the embalming process
- effects of embalming on various causes of death, medical treatments and procedures
- embalming implications for different types of body conditions including babies and infants up to 2 years of ages, including:
 - order for preparation
 - fluid strength
 - use of dyes
 - pressure and rates of flow
 - drainage

- techniques for dealing with conditions:
 - emaciation
 - oedema
 - jaundice
 - bariatric
- range of invasive and non-invasive medical paraphernalia
- anatomical and linear guides used for selected injection sites
- alternative treatments for areas not reached by arterial fluid that may include hypodermic injection, internal packs, preservative gels and external gels
- venous sites used for draining venous fluids
- various suture techniques used
- 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
- environmental impacts regarding embalming procedures and minimal impact practices to reduce these
- environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substances
- workplace policies and procedures in relation to performing arterial embalming.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a mortuary workplace:

- using suitable equipment and resources, including:
 - deceased bodies of natural cases requiring arterial embalming
 - mortuary instruments and equipment including personal protective equipment, chemicals 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>