

PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST

Performing Postmortem Care Name _____

To be completed by instructor during observation of 100%, unassisted mastery of procedure. Date and sign below. Skill mastery must be demonstrated prior to direct patient contact.

Equipment: Incontinence pads, towels, washcloth, soap dish, soap, basin of warm water, tape/ties, dressings, gown, gloves, linen/shroud, ID tags.

- _____ 1. Assemble equipment.
- _____ 2. Wash hands and put on gloves.
- _____ 3. Identify body.
- _____ 4. Provide privacy.
- _____ 5. Raise bed to best level for body mechanics.
- _____ 6. Place body in supine position, correct alignment with incontinence pads under buttocks.
- _____ 7. Close eyes.
- _____ 8. Place dentures in mouth or place in labeled container as directed.
- _____ 9. Close mouth. Use rolled towel to support chin if needed.
- _____ 10. Remove drainage bottles, bags and containers as directed. Receive directions regarding removal of tubes.
- _____ 11. Remove jewelry, eyeglasses, and hearing aids following facility policy.
- _____ 12. Bathe soiled areas of body as needed and brush or comb hair.
- _____ 13. Change dressings as needed.
- _____ 14. Apply clean gown and cover body with sheet and prepare for viewing.
- _____ 15. Lower bed and remove used supplies and equipment.
- _____ 16. Straighten room, close curtains and turn off bright lights, leaving soft lighting.
- _____ 17. Provide privacy for family to view body. Give possessions to family, as directed.
- _____ 18. Identify body according to facility policy OR put ID tag on toe or ankle and place body in shroud or cover with sheet and secure (ties, tape or pins) as directed or as per facility policy. Attach second tag to shroud or sheet accordingly.
- _____ 19. Clean unit.
- _____ 20. Remove gloves and wash hands.
- _____ 21. Report actions to supervisor.

Pass _____ Instructor's Signature _____ Date _____

The above signature attests that the evaluator did not prompt, give hints, or otherwise assist the individual in the performance of the skills, or allow the individual to study the skill after selection or before demonstration when the individual was being tested for competency. 2005