

Funeral Home Partners

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Embalming Recommendations for the Tissue Donor



Recommended Supplies

CHEMICALS

Arterial fluid - 30 index or greater
Cavity chemical - 30 index or greater
Cauterant
Embalming powder
Preservative gel

DRYING / ABSORBING

Absorbent powder
Liquid sealer/pore closer
Webril/cotton padding

PROTECTION

Plastic wrap
Unionall/coveralls

INSTRUMENTS

Suturing needles
Hemostats

Caring for the unembalmed donor for family identification on cremation cases:

For your consideration...

- Suture any openings and reconstruct leg and foot with cotton.
- Place donor in a unionall.
- Use powder inside unionall to reduce odor.
- Cover in sheets and blankets to limit the family examining the donor's incisions.
- Have attendant remain with family during viewing period.

Recommended Procedure

Utilize multi-arterial injection sites, hypodermic, and surface embalming when caring for the donor.

SKIN - Full thickness skin recovered from back and legs

Turn donor face down (the restoration vest helps to hold padding/cotton in place).

- Paint cauterizing/cavity chemical on exposed muscle and margins.
- Wrap exposed area in plastic.
- Turn donor face up; begin embalming donor.
- After 12 to 24 hours: Remove plastic and check preservation on back. Add embalming powder and place drying pad/ cotton on back before dressing.

ARM - Humerus recovered

- Access the subclavian or brachial artery for arterial injection of upper arm.
- Access radial/ulnar artery for arterial embalming of forearm and hand.
- Utilize hypodermic injection of chemical to muscle bed in upper arm/shoulder for additional preservation.
- Add embalming powder to interior of arm.
- Paint preservative gel on the external surface.
- After 12 to 24 hours: Remove plastic and check preservation. Re-suture if necessary.

LEG - Femur, tibia and fibula recovered plus femoral artery, vein and saphenous vein recovered or whole leg, knee or ankle.

- Paint cauterizing/cavity chemical on interior surface via openings on calf/thigh.
- Add embalming powder to interior of leg.
- Add padding to restore shape of calf/thigh.
- Suture open incisions.
- Paint preservative gel on the external surface.
- After 12 to 24 hours: Remove plastic and check preservation.