

FIGURE 4C. POST MORTEM CARE

Burial

1. Burial, preferably cremation, shall be done within 12 hours after death
2. However, burial of the dead body shall, to the most possible extent, be in accordance with the person's religion or customs

Removal of the Body and Transport to Cemetery

1. Transfer the body to the mortuary as soon as possible after death
2. Wrap the body with cloth and place in the airtight cadaver bag that is leak-proof and shall be zipped or closed tightly with tapes and bandage strips
3. Decontaminate surface of the bag with hypochlorite solution or any hospital approved disinfectant
4. Ensure that the body is fully sealed in an impermeable airtight cadaver bag before being removed from the isolation room or area, and before transfer to the mortuary, to avoid leakage of body fluid
5. When properly packed in the airtight cadaver bag, the body can be safely removed for storage in the mortuary, sent to the crematorium or placed in a coffin for burial
6. At no instance shall unzipping the cadaver bag of the body and removal of the body be permitted
7. The funeral establishment shall provide the transport of the cadaver to the burial site/crematorium. The vehicle shall be disinfected afterwards

Environmental Control

1. Make sure that supply of disposable gloves, protective equipment, alcohol-based hand rub and disinfectant such as household bleach is readily available
2. After use, the disposable items such as gloves and protective clothing should be disposed of in a plastic bag
3. All surfaces which may be contaminated should be wiped with "1 in 49 diluted household bleach" (mixing 1 part of bleach with 49 parts of water), leave it for 15-30 minutes, and then rinse with water. Metal surfaces could be wiped with 70% alcohol
4. Surfaces visibly contaminated with blood and body fluids should be wiped with "1 in 4 diluted household bleach" (mixing 1 part of bleach with 4 parts of water), leave it for 10 minutes, and then rinse with water.