

Program Title

“The Ethics of Embalming”

1 CEU

Interactive Lecture

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES AND OUTLINE

This educational seminar, **“The Ethics of Embalming”** is designed for all funeral professionals to consider the role of ethics in funeral service in general, and specifically the role of ethics in embalming. One definition of ethics is, ‘doing the right thing when no one is watching.’ Embalming may just be one of those times. How then can we ensure that we are behaving ethically?

1 contact hour

Course objectives: Attendees will learn the definition the definition of ethics. The course will then go on to discuss why ethics is important for embalming, and how we can become ethical surrounding the embalming process. For example, who is allowed in the embalming room? What forms should be signed for entry into the embalming room? We will discuss various concepts of ethics, the ethical embalming room, the ethical embalmer, and what to do ethically if embalming goes awry.

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Course Outline:

- I. Introduction of Speaker and Topic
- II. Defining ethics
- III. What is the place of ethics in funeral service?
- IV. How does ethical behavior impact embalming?
 - A. Learning what our State Boards say about embalming
 - B. Who is allowed in the preparation room?
 - C. When should we embalm?
 - D. Who should we embalm?
 - E. Can we allow viewings without embalming?
- V. The ethical embalming room
 - A. How should our embalming room be outfitted?
 - B. What type of chemicals do we need?
 - C. Being OSHA compliant
- VI. The ethical embalmer

- A. Training
- B. Continuing education
- C. OSHA compliance

VII. When embalming goes awry

- A. Assessing the situation
- B. Determining what to do
- C. Making restitution and avoiding court and/or the State Board

VIII. Case studies

IX. Questions and Answers

X. Conclusion