

## Refrigeration

**Wellington Hospital storage** – The deceased is transported to Wellington Hospital and held there for storage. No viewing is available at the hospital. Prior to the funeral, staff will travel back to Wellington Hospital to collect the deceased and return to the Kapiti Coast Funeral Home.

This process includes two staff members, transportation on two separate days, to and from Wellington Hospital, and the handling and subsequent casketing of the deceased.

**Dry Ice care** - The deceased can be left at the funeral home and dry ice can be used to cool the deceased as happens within a refrigeration unit.

Dignity preparation is usually carried out and the deceased placed in the casket chosen. Dry ice needs to be purchased every second day from Petone and is then applied twice daily via cloth bags which are placed round the deceased. This procedure is completed by a staff member licenced in chemical handling.

Dry Ice Care can also take place in a private residence.

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**“Show me the manner  
in which a nation cares for its dead  
and I will measure with mathematical  
exactness the tender mercies of its people,  
their respect for the laws of the land ,  
and their loyalty to high ideals”.**

- Sir William E Gladstone  
(19th Century British Prime Minister)

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# Kapiti Coast Funeral Home

## Care Options...

deceased preparations.



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The following information outlines some of the options, and combinations of options, available for the care of the deceased.

## What Happens After Death

After death the deceased goes through several natural stages of deterioration. These stages begin slowly but accelerate after a few hours or a few days depending on many factors including cause of death, place of death and condition prior to death.

This natural process of decomposition has health and safety implications for all who come in contact with the deceased, especially after the acceleration of decomposition takes effect.

## What Decisions Need To Be Made

Decisions need to be made about how to best uphold the dignity, and sanitation of the deceased.

In making a decision regarding the care you feel most appropriate you will need to take into account factors including what the deceased would have preferred, cost, and availability for viewing the deceased.

The following is a list of many of the care options and combinations of care options available to you.

Your Funeral Director can assist with explanations and advice to help you with your decision.

## Options

Mortuary and Essential Care	\$217 +GST =	\$250
Dignity Prep	\$435 + GST =	\$500
<b>Embalming</b>		
Light Embalming	\$652 + GST =	\$750
Specialist Embalming	\$826 + GST =	\$950
<b>Ecoprep</b>	\$686 + GST =	\$790
<b>Transportation</b> - vehicle with staff		
To or From Wellington (one way)	\$435 + GST =	\$500
<b>Refrigeration</b>		
Wellington Hospital Storage <i>per day</i>	\$130 + GST =	\$150
<i>example: 4 day storage, transport to and from Wellington (Hospital-Return \$1000)+(Storage for 4 days \$600) = \$1600 incl GST</i>		
<b>Dry Ice Care</b>		
2-3 days (1 purchase, 2 applications)	\$739 + GST =	\$850
4-5 days (2 purchases, 3-4 applications)	\$913 + GST =	\$1050

## Details

### Mortuary and Essential Care

This encompasses holding in our mortuary facility for a maximum of 48 hours and handling of the deceased body by two staff members for casketing of the deceased person. No preservation takes place.

For the reasons outlined in “What happens after death” (on the previous page), we at Kapiti Coast Funeral Home will only hold a person on our premises, when no preservation takes place, for a **maximum 48 hours**.

### Dignity Prep

This includes Mortuary and Essential Care as above but with additional preparation for viewing within 48 hours. Staff close the mouth and eyes, wash the deceased body and hair, and dry and dress in clothes provided. Appropriate hairstyling and makeup is applied.

This process adds dignity but does not preserve the deceased. Therefore without one of the following preservation techniques we will only hold a deceased person on our premises with this Preparation for a **maximum of 48 hours**.

## Embalming

### Light Embalming

Light embalming includes Mortuary and Essential Care and Dignity Prep, with the addition of arterial embalming. Embalming is the sanitation, preservation and presentation of the deceased body. This is completed by way of arterial injection of chemical that displaces the blood and cleanses the arterial system of bacteria. Light embalming uses minimal chemicals and lasts up to 6 days. The deceased can stay in a Funeral Home viewing Lounge or be taken home and no further sanitation or procedures are required.

This is the Funeral Directors’ preferred form of care due to the clean and sanitary state the deceased is left in and the dignity restored to the deceased.

### Specialist Embalming

Specialist embalming is for cases such as long term, more than 6 days, Accidental deaths, or where for where specialist restorative techniques and further resources are required, including additional technician’s time, to achieve the requested preservation or preservation.

### ecoprep

Is a process similar to embalming, however no chemicals are used. Ecoprep is carried out using oils including tea tree and eucalyptus oil. A solution of arterial conditioners and disinfectors such as saline are used to flush out the blood and subsequent bacteria leaving the deceased in a natural state for slower decomposition. There is no preservative, but this leaves the deceased cleansed of chemicals that have built up in the blood prior to death and as a result of this cleansing process it slows the process of decomposition, giving families 3 to 4 days to view depending on the cause of death and condition of the deceased.

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