

PROPER MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

					
<p style="text-align: center;">Regular waste: Clear Bags</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Biohazardous Waste: Red Bags</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pathology Waste Red Bags</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sharps: Sharps Containers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chemo Waste: Yellow boxes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pharmaceutical Waste: Blue and White containers</p>
<p>→IV bags and tubing →Empty medication vials or containers →Trash/wrappers →Dressings →Chux/underpads →Empty foley bags and other drainage bags →Disposable patient items →Sanitary napkins →Gloves</p>	<p>→Blood and all OPIM (Other Potentially Infectious Materials) →Blood tubing/ bags/ hemovacs/pleuravacs →Soaked/dripping bloody dressings →Intact glass or plastic bottles with body fluids →All disposables soaked or dripping with blood or OPIM →Contaminated waste from isolation patients →Suction canisters or liners with bloody fluid or OPIM</p>	<p>Pathology Waste includes all biopsy materials and all human tissues and anatomical parts that emanate from surgical, obstetrical, autopsy and laboratory procedures.</p> <p>Containers shall be labeled with the words "Pathology Waste" or "PATH" and the waste shall be segregated from other red bag waste.</p>	<p>→All sharps (except those contaminated with chemo)</p> <p>Examples: <i>needles, broken glass vials, broken ampules, blades, scalpels, razors, pins, clips with OPIM, etc.</i></p> <p>→All empty syringes with attached needles, empty tubexes, empty carpujects.</p> <p>→Trocars, introducers, guide wires, sharps from procedures, specimen devices in endoscopy, etc.</p>	<p>Trace chemo: →All supplies used to make and administer chemo medication.</p> <p><i>Example: tubing, empty bags/bottles/vials, syringes, gloves, pads, masks, gowns, wipes, etc.</i></p> <p>Return all unused Chemo to Pharmacy in original bag for disposal</p>	<p>→All syringes, tubexes, carpujects with residual (pourable) medication.</p> <p>→IV bags and tubing with residual medication.</p> <p>→Partially used/ residual prescription or over-the-counter medication. <i>Example: vials, tablets, capsules, powders, eyedrops, suppositories, etc.</i></p> <p>Wasted narcotics and/or controlled drugs</p> <p>Unopened/Unused or expired medications: Return to Pharmacy</p>