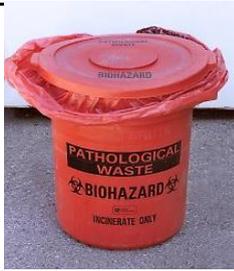


PROPER MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

						RETURN TO PHARMACY
Regular waste:	Biohazardous Waste:	Biohazardous Sharps Waste:	Pathology Waste:	Chemo Waste & Chemo Sharps Waste:	Pharmaceutical Waste & Pharmaceutical Sharps Waste:	Hazardous Pharmaceutical Waste (RCRA):
Clear Bags	Red Bags	Sharps Containers	Red Bags	Yellow boxes	Blue and White Boxes	Return to Pharmacy
<p>→IV bags and medication vials or containers</p> <p>→Empty medication vials or containers</p> <p>→Trash/wrapper</p> <p>→Dressings</p> <p>→Chux/underpads</p> <p>→Empty foley bags and other patient items</p> <p>→Sanitary napkins</p>	<p>→Blood and all OPIM (Other Potentially Infectious Materials)</p> <p>→Blood tubing/ bags/ hemovacs/pleuravacs</p> <p>→Soaked/dripping bloody dressings</p> <p>→Intact glass or plastic bottles with body fluids</p> <p>→All disposables soaked or dripping with blood or OPIM</p> <p>→Contaminated waste from isolation patients</p> <p>Suction canisters or liners with bloody fluid or OPIM</p>	<p>→All sharps (except those contaminated with chemo)</p> <p>Examples: <i>needles, broken glass vials, broken ampules, blades, scalpels, razors, pins, clips, etc.</i></p> <p>→All empty syringes, tubexes, carpjects or those with trace (unpourable) amount of medication.</p> <p>→Trocars, introducers, guide wires, sharps from procedures, specimen devices in endoscopy, etc.</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 words "Pathology Waste" or "PATH" and the waste shall be segregated from other red bag waste.</p> <p>→"Incineration Only" is advised to be placed on the containers to ensure proper treatment</p>	<p>Trace chemo:</p> <p>→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>Pharmaceutical Waste:</p> <p>→IV bags and tubing with residual medication.</p> <p>→Partially used/residual prescription or over-the-counter medication.</p> <p><i>Example: vials, tablets, capsules, powders, eyedrops, suppositories, etc.</i></p> <p>Pharmaceutical Sharps Waste: →All syringes, tubexes, carpjects or those with residual (pourable) medication.</p> <p>Wasted narcotics and/or controlled drugs</p> <p>Unopened/Unused or expired medications: Return to Pharmacy</p>	<p>→Hazardous R.C.R.A** Pharmaceuticals: Return to Pharmacy. <i>Example: Inhalers with residual (if empty - regular trash), unused nicotine gum or patches, nitroglycerine tablets, epinephrine, physostigmine, silvadinine ε, etc.</i></p> <p>**Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)</p>
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