

Healthcare Waste Segregation

Orange Stream



Infectious waste

(All waste generated in the care of a patient with a confirmed alert infection e.g. MRSA)

- ✓ Autoclavable Lab wastes
- ✓ Clean room wastes
- ✓ Disposables used PPE
- ✓ Used wipes
- ✓ Used dressings, plasters, bandages
- ✓ Spillage sets
- ✓ Nappies, incontinence pads

NOT FOR:

- ✗ Metal
- ✗ Recycles (plastics, paper, cardboard, tin)
- ✗ Chemical
- ✗ Medicinal waste
- ✗ General waste
- ✗ External packaging
- ✗ Paper towels
- ✗ Non-Infectious waste
- ✗ Sharps waste
- ✗ No free-flowing liquids



Infectious Sharps waste

- ✓ Sharps contaminated with blood and body fluid only
- ✓ Used syringes, sharps, and similar invasive devices with no medical contamination
- ✓ Tubing and suction sets

NOT FOR:

- ✗ Medication waste
- ✗ Sharp used in conjunction with medicines
- ✗ Cytotoxic waste

Blue Stream



Medicinal Waste (Non-cytotoxic)

- ✓ Sharps, syringe & needle used in conjunction with medicines
- ✓ Vials, injectables etc. contaminated with non-cytotoxic medicines
- ✓ Part doses ampoules of medicines
- ✓ IV set /syringes with medicines and/or blood contamination

NOT FOR:

- ✗ Cytotoxic waste

Any residual liquid wastes must be gelled for disposal



Pharmaceutical Waste (Non-cytotoxic)

'NO SHARPS'

- ✓ All non-cytotoxic medicinal waste
- ✓ Patient returned non cytotoxic medicines in dispensed packaging; patient ID obscured
- ✓ Empty blister packs
- ✓ Empty liquid medicines bottles

NOT FOR:

- ✗ Cytotoxic waste



Empty medicine bottles jars

- ✓ Empty and part-used bottles, vials and tubes contaminated with medicinal or pharmaceutical waste products must be disposed of in blue pharmaceutical containers

DO NOT:

- ✗ Mix with non-clinical hazardous waste bottles



SHARPS BINS MUST BE LABELLED WITH: WARD / DEPARTMENT, DATE OF OPENING, DATE OF CLOSURE, CLOSED WHEN UNATTENDED, FILLED TO THEIR DESIGNATED FILL LEVEL TO PREVENT SPILLAGE, SEALED WHEN FULL

FULL "SWAN-NECK" SEALED ORANGE BAGS MUST BE LABELLED WITH: WARD/DEPARTMENT, DATE OF ASSEMBLY & CLOSURE AND STAFF ID

ORANGE BAGS MUST BE STORED SEPARATELY FROM RIGID CONTAINERS

PATIENT IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ON EXTERNAL PACKAGING MUST BE REMOVED AND PLACED IN CONFIDENTIAL WASTE

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Purple Stream



Cytotoxic/Cytostatic waste

e.g., Chemotherapy, Antineoplastic, Antivirals, immunosuppressants, hormonal drugs and Botox

- ✓ Sharps, syringe & needle used in conjunction with cytotoxic medicines
- ✓ All MDI (metered dose inhalers)
- ✓ PPE from treatments in purple lidded 30L/60L bin
- ✓ Surplus medicines in purple lidded bodied bin

Any residual liquid wastes must be gelled for disposal

NOT FOR:

- ✗ Non cytotoxic waste

Yellow Stream



Anatomical waste

- ✓ Recognisable body part e.g Tissue and Organs / placenta
- ✓ Suction waste
- ✓ Liners, Cell Saver, Bypass
- ✓ Dialysis sets
- ✓ Body fluid drains.
- ✓ All un-autoclaved CL2 Lab Waste and Pathology specimens
- ✓ Teeth with no amalgam fillings,
- ✓ Full blood bags - infectious and non-infectious
- ✓ Other liquid waste that cannot be solidified to be placed in 30 or 60 litre yellow rigid leak proof bins

Any residual liquid wastes must be gelled for disposal

NOT FOR:

- ✗ Medicinal waste
- ✗ Non-cytotoxic waste
- ✗ sharps waste

Red Stream



Surgical and laboratory metal instruments

- ✓ Single use metal instruments
- ✓ Surgical Pins
- ✓ Metal prosthetics (joints)

NOT FOR:

- ✗ Single used nonmetal
- ✗ Medicinal waste
- ✗ Needles



Dental waste

- ✓ Amalgam capsules
- ✓ lead foils
- ✓ x-ray
- ✓ photo developer fluids and any other 'heavy' metals.

NOT FOR:

- ✗ Gypsum waste

Gypsum Wastes



Gypsum wastes

- ✓ Plaster cast
- ✓ Dental moulds
- ✓ Teeth impressions

Products containing gypsum must be disposed of in gypsum wastes containers separately from other waste streams.

Gypsum containing waste products are not collected from Community Dental Practices.

Please contact your local Facilities Department for advice.



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