CORRECT MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

**REGULAR WASTE**
- Clear or Black Bags

**BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE**
- Red Bags, Red Containers, or Bags/Containers with Biohazard Symbols

**PATHOLOGY WASTE**
- Red Bags, Red Containers, or Bags/Containers with Biohazard Symbols

**SHARPS WASTE**
- Sharps Containers; Ivory or Red Marked with Biohazard Symbol

**PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE**
- Purple and White Containers

**CHEMOTHERAPY WASTE (TRACE)**
- Yellow Container or Bags

**HAZARDOUS PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE**
- Return to Pharmacy; Black Containers

**Includes:**
- 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

**Includes:**
- 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

**Includes:**
- All biopsy material and all human tissues and anatomical parts, that emanate from surgical, obstetrical, autopsy and laboratory procedures
- Containers shall be labeled with the words “Pathology Waste” or “PATH” and the waste shall be segregated from other red bag waste
- Labeled as “Incineration Only”

**Includes:**
- All sharps (except those contaminated with chemo)
- Examples:
  - Needles, broken glass vials, broken ampoules, blades, scalpels, razors, pins, clips, etc.
  - All empty syringes with attached needles, empty tubexes, empty carpjects
  - Trocars, introducers, guide wires, sharps from procedures, specimen devices in endoscopy, etc.

**Includes:**
- All syringes, tubexes, carpjects with residual (pourable) medication
- IV bags and tubing with residual medication
- Partially used/residual prescription or over-the-counter medication
- Examples:
  - Vials, tablets, capsules, powders, eyedrops, suppositories, etc.
  - Unopened/Unused or expired medications: Return to Pharmacy
  - Labeled as “Incineration Only”

**Includes:**
- All supplies used to make and administer chemo medication
- Examples:
  - Tubing, empty bags/bottles/vials, syringes, gloves, pads, masks, gowns, wipes, etc.
  - Return all unused Chemo to Pharmacy in original bag for disposal
  - Labeled as “Incineration Only”

**Includes:**
- Hazardous R.C.R.A.** Pharmaceuticals: Return to Pharmacy.
- Examples:
  - Inhalers with residual (if empty - regular trash), unused nicotine gum or patches, epinephrine (salts not included), physostigmine, silvadene, etc.

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