

# Managing Pharmaceutical/Drug, Chemotherapy & Medical Waste

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<p><b>THE SINK</b></p> 	<p><b>NO drugs to the SINK or TOILET, <u>except</u>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Solutions <u>without medication</u></b> (dextrose, saline, vitamins, electrolytes, TPN and similar are okay)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Chemo Waste: Yellow Containers</b></p>	<p><b>Pharmaceutical Drug Waste: Blue and White Containers</b></p>	<p><b>Regulated Medical Waste (No Drug Waste in these Containers)</b></p>
 <p><b>Chemo Waste:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ All supplies used to make and administer chemo medication</li> </ul> <p>Return all unused Chemo to Pharmacy in original pharmacy bag for credit or disposal.</p> <p>OEH&amp;S collects hazardous chemo waste. Call EH&amp;S at 476-0544 for pick-up. Please ensure that the appropriate paper work is filled out prior to collection.</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Waste from syringe; syringes</li> <li>❑ DC'd IV bags with drugs</li> <li>❑ Solid meds like pills.</li> <li>❑ Vials and other med containers w/waste meds</li> <li>❑ Any sharps (<b>can also go to std. sharps containers if there is no trace amounts (pourable) of medication</b>)</li> <li>❑ Solutions with meds (like TPN w/heparin)</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Store waste containers in designated places. Do not place pharmaceutical waste containers in corridors, hallways, or other public access areas. Place full containers in dirty utility room areas for collection.</p> <p>Environmental Services collects pharmaceutical waste. Call Environmental Services at 353-1283 for collection as needed.</p>	 <p><b>Routine Sharps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Needles, syringes, needles with attached tubing and blades.</li> <li>❑ Place full containers in biohazard bin in dirty utility room</li> </ul>
<p><b>Return to Pharmacy</b></p> <p><b>Disposal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aerosol inhalers(i.e. albuterol, Combivent)</li> <li>▪ Nicotine patches</li> <li>▪ Vaccine vials</li> <li>▪ Lindane (Kwell)</li> <li>▪ Physostigmine</li> <li>▪ Diethylstilbestrol (DES)</li> <li>▪ Hexachlorophene (Phisohex)</li> <li>▪ Barium sulfate</li> <li>▪ Silver sulfadiazine (Silvadene),</li> <li>▪ Formaldehyde</li> <li>▪ Nitroglycerin (NTG)</li> </ul> <p><b>Unused Pharmaceuticals:</b></p> <p>Includes all expired, unexpired, unused, unopened drugs and untouched solutions that are returned to vendor</p>	 <p><b>Pathological Waste:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ All disposable items soaked or dripping with blood or OPIM (<u>O</u>ther <u>P</u>otentially <u>I</u>nfectious <u>M</u>aterial)</li> <li>❑ When in doubt use red bag</li> </ul> <p>Environmental Services collects medical waste. Call Environmental Services at 353-1283 for collection as needed.</p>	

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