# Waste Management – Patient Care Areas*

## PHI/Confidential Documents
- Anything that identifies an individual or is created/used with business operations
  - Documents with PHI
  - Empty pill bottles with patient name
  - EKG tape
  - Internal financial reports, documents marked “Confidential”

## Recyclable Materials
- Collected and processed into new products
  - Paper
  - Cardboard
  - Aluminum
  - Glass
  - Plastic

## Solid Waste/Trash
- Materials without PHI, medical waste, or hazardous waste, AND has no use or reuse
  - Disposable patient items with no recognizable fluid blood
  - Empty vials of normal saline
  - Diapers

## Biohazardous/Red Bag Waste
- Disposable items with recognizable fluid blood and/or otherwise potentially infectious body fluids
  - Gauze with fluid blood
  - Blood transfusion bags and/or tubing
  - Specimen bags or any item labeled with a “Biohazard” symbol ...even if empty!
  - Place in a container labeled with a Biohazard symbol AND lined with a Red Bag with a Biohazard symbol

## Suction Canisters
- Blood or body fluid waste that is contained inside of flexible or rigid walled containers
  - Place flexible walled suction canisters without a solidifier into a Biohazard/Red Bag Waste container
  - Place rigid walled or flexible walled suction canisters with solidifier canisters in a Pathology Waste “Incinerate Only” container

## Pharmaceutical Waste (non RCRA)
- All non-hazardous waste pharmaceuticals, prescription or OTC
  - Partial vials and IV bags containing medications
  - Live and attenuated vaccine without preservative
  - Personal care products, soaps, shampoos, toothpaste
  - Place in a blue or blue-lidded container labeled with the words “Pharm” or “Pharmaceutical Waste,” AND “Incinerate Only”

## Mixed Sharps and Pharmaceutical Waste
- Anything that is a sharps or pharmaceutical waste
  - Place in a blue or blue lidded container labeled with the words “Pharm” or “Pharmaceutical Waste,” “Incinerate Only,” AND a Biohazard symbol

## Pathology Waste
- Human specimens or tissues removed from a minor procedure, surgery, or autopsy
  - Skin tags, bone fragments, tissue, fat, surgery specimens or tissues, limbs, other organs, placenta
  - Place in a container labeled with the words “Path” or “Pathology Waste,” “Incinerate Only,” AND a Biohazard symbol

## Trace Chemotherapy
- All materials that are contaminated with chemo agents from the production or administration. Must not have free flowing liquids that will readily pour out
  - Place into a yellow container labeled “Chemo” or “Chemotherapy Waste,” “Incinerate Only,” AND a Biohazard symbol
  - See EH&S Department for arsenic trioxide waste

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# Waste Management – Hazardous Wastes*

## Hazardous Waste – Patient Care Areas

Wastes that are known to pose a risk to the environment when improperly disposed. Segregate into different Black Waste Containers as indicated below:

- **“RCRA Pharmaceutical Waste Product” Labeled Black Container**
  - Procedure sites marking pens/skin dyes
  - Insulin
  - Flu vaccines with preservative
  - Warfarin
  - Nicotine patches
  - Bulk chemotherapy agents (except Arsenic Trioxide – contact EH&S for instructions)

- **“Silver Containing Products Waste” Labeled Black Container**
  - Silver nitrate sticks, expired or used
  - Silver creams, tubes or containers, including empty containers
  - Silver impregnated bandages or gauze

- **“Aerosol Waste” Labeled Black Container**
  - All unused or partially used cans
  - Gebauer’s spray
  - Metered dose inhalers

## Hazardous Waste – Non-Patient Care Areas

Wastes that are known to pose a risk to the environment when improperly disposed. Segregate into different Black Waste Containers as indicated below:

- **“Aerosol Waste” Labeled Black Container**
  - All unused or partially used cans
  - Spray paint
  - Compressed air or gases
  - Lubricants
  - Smoke detector test spray

- **“Flammable Waste” Labeled Black Container**
  - Any flammable material intended to be disposed including:
    - Solvents and degreasers, unused, partially used, or used
    - Oil based paints, stains, varnishes, unused or partially used
    - Hand gels, expired or unused

## Universal Waste

A subset of hazardous waste with less stringent management requirements. Place in bin marked “Universal Waste”

- **Batteries**
  - All types of batteries including AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, button cell/hearing aid, rechargeable, lead acid
  - Devices that contain batteries such as pumps, cautery pens, speculums, calculators, glucose monitors, flash/pen lights

- **Electronic Equipment**
  - Equipment, or pieces of equipment, including plug in, battery powered, mercury-containing equipment, or anything with an ON/OFF switch
  - Electric staplers, phones, tabletop lamps, clocks, power strips, printers, televisions, microwaves, motors, ballasts, circuit control boards, DVD players

- **Lamps**
  - Lamps, light bulbs, light ballasts

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*DO NOT PLACE ANY CHEMICALS OR PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN THE REGULAR TRASH. IF YOU ARE UNSURE HOW TO DISPOSE OF IT CONTACT YOUR LOCAL EH&S PROFESSIONAL.

**NAME:**

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