

Shea Ear Clinic

Infection Control

&

Medical Waste

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## **INFECTION CONTROL / MEDICAL WASTE**

**"Infectious wastes" means solid wastes which contain pathogens with sufficient virulence and quantity so that exposure to the waste by a susceptible host could result in an infectious disease.**

### **KNOW THE HAZARDS IN YOUR AREA!**

#### **PUT ON PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AS REQUIRED.**

- Gloves, Gowns, Face / Eye Protection Masks
- Practice Universal Precautions

#### **DO NOT HOLD OR TRANSPORT SOILED LINEN AGAINST BODY.**

- Place linen in covered linen hamper for linen service to pick-up.

#### **RED BAG WASTE - NEEDLES/SHARPS UNIT**

- Articles contaminated with blood or body fluids, place in red trash bags or discard in biohazard trash container.
- Needle disposal boxes, when 2/3 full, seal and place along side of red biohazard waste container.

#### **LOCATE**

- Supplies such as personal protective equipment (PPE), resuscitation device, needle disposal boxes, red bags, specimen bags, etc.

#### **EMPLOYEE EXPOSURES**

- See "Employee Injuries" section.

#### **SOILED CLOTHING**

- If personal clothing becomes soiled with blood or body fluids:

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- Contact your supervisor or nursing supervisor to obtain a scrub suit.
- Wash out excess blood or body fluids.
- Place soiled personal clothing into double plastic bags.
- Take clothes home and wash as usual.
- Return scrub suit to Surgery Center.

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