

## **WASTE CLASSIFICATION**

## **EXAMPLES OF WASTE**



#### **BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE**

Red Bags, Red Containers, Bags/Containers with Biohazard Symbols

- Trace Chemotherapy Waste\*
- Blood and all OPIM (Other Potentially Infectious Materials)
- Blood IV tubing/bags/hemovacs/ pleuravacs
- · Contaminated dressings and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Contaminated waste from isolation patients
- Suction canisters or liners with bloody fluid or OPIM
- Cultures or stocks
- Locked disposable sharps containers

\*To qualify as "trace", all removable contents must be eliminated with less than 3% of the former volume left



#### **SHARPS WASTE**

Red Sharps Containers Marked with Biohazard Symbol

- All sharps (except those contaminated with chemo)
- vials, broken ampoules, blades, scalpels, razors, pins, clips, staples, carpules, test tubes, blood tubes, etc
- All empty syringes with attached needles empty tubaxes, empty carpujects
- Examples: Needles, broken glass, Trocars, introducers, guide wires, sharps from procedures, specimen devices in endoscopy, etc



### PATHOLOGICAL WASTE

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- All biopsy material, human tissues, and anatomical parts that originate from surgical, obstetrical, autopsy or laboratory procedures
- Containers must be labeled

"Pathological Waste" or "PATH" and should be segregated from other red bag/container waste

• Labeled as "Incineration Only"



# **REGULAR WASTE**

Clear or Black Bags

- General Trash and solid waste
- Food
- Trash/wrappers
- Non-contaminated dressings
- Chux/underpads
- Empty foley bags & other drainage bags
- Disposable patient items
- Sanitary napkins



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