



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



**PATHOLOGICAL WASTE**  
Red Bags, Red Containers,  
Bags/Containers with Biohazard Symbols

- 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"



**HAZARDOUS PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE\***  
Black Containers

- \*Requires special handling and adherence to strict regulations
- Hazardous Pharmaceuticals, half doses or bulk: Contact BWS
- Bulk Chemo
- P-listed & U-listed drugs (packaging disposal may vary)
- Examples: Inhalers, unused nicotine gum or patches, many injectables, insulin medications, physostigmine, silvadene, warfarin, cyclophosphamide, phenol



**PHARMACEUTICAL NON-REGULATED, NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
Blue and White Containers

- All syringes, tubaxes, carpjects with residual (pourable) medication
- IV bags/tubing with residual medication
- Partially used /residual prescription or over-the-counter medication
- Contaminated drugs & vaccines
- Examples: Vials, tablets, capsules, powders, eyedrops, suppositories, antibiotics, pills (non P or U Listed), injectables, contaminated drugs and vaccines, etc
- Unopened/Unused or expired medications: Contact BWS
- 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