

WASTE CONTAINERS

<b>Biohazardous Waste (RED BAGS)</b>	<b>Regular Waste/Trash (WHITE/CLEAR BAGS)</b>	<b>Sharps Disposal Containers (RIGID RED CONTAINERS)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blood and all OPIM (Other Potentially Infectious Materials)</li> <li>- Blood tubing, hemovacs, pleurvacs, JP drains</li> <li>- Soaked and/or dripping dressings</li> <li>- Plastic bottles with blood or body fluids</li> <li>- Suction liners and tube with blood or body fluids</li> <li>- Any disposable items soaked or dripping with blood or body fluids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Empty IV Bags &amp; Tubing (Maintenance fluid)</li> <li>- Oral Syringes</li> <li>- Paper wrappers</li> <li>- Paper towels/cups/Tissues</li> <li>- <u>Empty</u> Inhalers</li> <li>- <u>Empty</u> Insulin Vials</li> <li>- Dressings –non saturated</li> <li>- Chux</li> <li>- Diapers</li> <li>- Gloves</li> <li>- Empty drainage bags (foley bags)</li> <li>- Disposable patient care items</li> <li>- Blood glucose test strips</li> <li>- Sanitary napkins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All sharps:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Needles</li> <li>- Broken glass vials</li> <li>- Broken ampules</li> <li>- Blades</li> <li>- Scalpels</li> <li>- Razors</li> <li>- Ortho pins</li> <li>- Surgical clips/staples</li> <li>- Lancets</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Intact glass (vacutainer)</li> <li>- Sharps from procedures</li> <li>- Non-recyclable specimen devices in endoscopy</li> </ul>
<b>Slush Bucket Pharmaceutical Waste (BLUE/WHITE CONTAINERS)</b>	<b>Hazardous RCRA* Pharmaceutical Waste (BLACK/WHITE CONTAINERS)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Empty/residual medications (including OTCs)</li> <li>- Vials, powders, tablets, capsules, creams, lotions, liquids, suppositories, eye/nose drops/ung, imaging contrast, medicated shampoos, carpuments</li> <li>- ALL transdermal patches (folded sticky sides together) that have been in contact with skin</li> <li>- ALL IV bags and tubing with added medications including vitamins, dopamine, Lidocaine, Aminophylline, antibiotics, Mag Sulfate, Pitocin, imaging contrast</li> <li>- IV bags with controlled substances: pour residual medication into container, then dispose of bag and tubing into container</li> <li>- Return to pharmacy: unopened/unused and expired medications</li> <li>- All containers will be replaced when ¾ full</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inhalers with residual (if empty – put in regular trash)</li> <li>- Pressurized aerosolized cans</li> <li>- ALL unused (never touched the skin) transdermal patches</li> <li>- Nitroglycerine tablets</li> <li>- Insulin Vials with residual insulin</li> <li>- Coumadin, warfarin, &amp; associated packaging materials</li> <li>- Epinephrine (only if opened but not administered to patient)</li> <li>- Phenol (carbolic acid)</li> <li>- Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol in pourable form)</li> <li>- Cough syrup with alcohol content &gt; 24%</li> <li>- Reactive/corrosives</li> <li>- Selenium sulfide</li> </ul>	

**REMINDER** – Paper/forms with confidential information must be disposed of in HIPAA containers, not waste containers