## Waste disposal.

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### I. Introduction

- The emerging and re-emerging disease pose a major threat to the world population.
- There is no single country in the world who can deal with those emerging and re-emerging disease alone.
- In this context, the Mekong Basin Disease Surveillance (MBDS) network renewed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance disease surveillance and response across the border in 2015.







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Infectious Waste is the waste from patients with communicable disease, laboratory and microbiological investigations from all clinical and related laboratory services; and animal carcasses contaminated with pathogenic organisms.



Animal wastes means а material composed of excreta, or without bedding with materials and/or animal drugs, collected from poultry or other animals except humans. It's also a waste of a biological nature, which has the potential to cause harm by acting as an while infectious agent, undergoing decomposition



#### Pharmaceutical waste

includes expired, unused, spilt contaminated and pharmaceutical products, prescribed and proprietary drugs, vaccines and sera that are no longer required, and, due to their chemical or biological nature, need to be disposed of carefully.



Sharp waste is item that could

cause cuts or puncture wounds, including needles, hypodermic needles, scalpels and other blades, knives, infusion sets, saws, broken glass and pipettes. They are highly usually considered hazardous health-care waste and should be treated as if they were potentially infected.



Chemical waste consists of discarded solid, liquid and gaseous chemicals; for example, from diagnostic and experimental work and from cleaning and disinfecting procedures. It is considered to be hazardous if it has at least one of properties: toxic, corrosive, flammable, reactive, oxidizing.



Plasticwastesfromlaboratoriesmaybecontaminatedwithothermaterials.

Plastic wastes contaminated with human pathogens, imported biologicals and genetically manipulated organisms must be autoclaved and incinerated.



Radioactive wastes are materials contaminated with radionuclides. They are produced as a result of procedures such as in vitro analysis of body tissue and fluid, in vivo organ imaging and investigative and various therapeutic practices.



# WASTE DISPOSAL



#### 1. Autoclaving

- Used for the treatment of infectious wastes.
- Problems may arise because of bulk and compaction of waste material; complete penetration of steam may be compromised and sterilization not achieved.
- Only special autoclave bags may be used. All bags must carry an indicator to show that waste has been subjected to adequate heat treatment.
- Autoclaves must be tested at least annually for adequate performance.

1. Autoclaving





#### 2. Chemical disinfection

- Used for mopping up spills and for disinfectant baths for routine laboratory work.
- Sodium hypochlorite (5%) is used for potentially HIV contaminated equipment and disposables prior to autoclaving.
- A 0.5% of Sodium Hypochlorite solution is used for general laboratory clean up for hematological work not involving spills.

#### 2. Chemical disinfection

- 70% ethyl alcohol is used for standard clean up in microbiology laboratories.
- Hypochlorite solution should be rinsed off prior to autoclaving since dangerous gases may be generated when it is autoclaved.

#### 2. Chemical disinfection





#### 3. Incineration

- Burning in a multi-chambered, monitored facility. Any waste requiring high temperature incineration is collected by specialized agencies.
- Normal animal waste and carcasses are burned in the Animal House Incinerator. All plastics or other materials likely to produce toxic emissions must be collected by specialist agencies.
- Completely burned ashes are placed in sealed plastic bags and disposed of through normal rubbish collection.

#### 3. Incineration



#### 4. Sewerage and drain system disposal

- Wherever possible avoid discharging wastes into the sewerage and drain system.
- Very dilute non-toxic chemicals may be washed into the sewerage system.
- There are significantly justifiable limits for materials discharged into the sewerage and drain system.

#### III. Waste disposal Animal waste disposal

- All animal house waste and carcasses of animals are to be incinerated within the confines of the animal house (C1 containment).
- Cages, water bottles, fittings and instruments must be autoclaved or disinfected according to requirements dictated by the organism involved before washing.
- No animal waste must leave the animal house. Thoroughly burnt ashes may be discarded through the municipal system.

- Records must be kept of all pharmaceuticals destroyed.
- Pharmaceutical Waste must be placed in nonreactive containers and whenever possible incinerated.
- All pharmaceutical wastes are stored in appropriately labeled and constructed containers until collected by an appropriately licenced collection agency.

#### **Pharmaceutical Waste Container Tip:**

Work with a knowledgeable vendor to choose a proper container for pharmaceutical disposal



- Sharps must be placed in a rigid, impact resistant, puncture proof and sealable container of appropriate size and coloured yellow with the black biohazard symbol. Do not recap, bend, remove, or clip needles.
- Fill 3/4 full, snap the lid closed and secure with tape. Overfilling or forced filling may result in puncture wounds. Do Not Overfill.
- The disposal route for sharps is high temperature incineration.

- The container must be appropriately labelled and stored as infectious waste or, where appropriate, cytotoxic waste.
- Avoid removing needles from syringes after use.
  If it is necessary to remove needles a "Needle Notcher" or equivalent must be used.
- Never attempt to recap needles.
- Never attempt to clip, bend or otherwise attempt to render needles or syringes unusable.

# III. Waste disposal **Disposal of sharps**



#### III. Waste disposal Disposal of non-sharp solid waste - autoclave

- Collect non-sharp solid biological waste in autoclavable bags. It is preferable that autoclave bags be white or clear (not red or orange) and without the word "biohazardous" or the universal symbol for biohazardous material.
- Place filled bags into the autoclave pan for transport from the laboratory to the autoclave.
- Add 250 mL of water to the bag and close loosely to allow the steam to escape and air to enter.

#### III. Waste disposal Disposal of non-sharp solid waste - autoclave

- Autoclave the pan and bag at 121°C for one hour.
- Allow the pan and autoclaved material to cool.
- Put autoclaved bags into trash cans lined with heavyweight, opaque plastic bags, and then transport them to the building dumpster.

#### III. Waste disposal Disposal of non-sharp solid waste - autoclave



#### III. Waste disposal Disposal of non-sharp solid waste-incineration

- Place the waste material in a plastic liner inside a biohazardous waste box ("burn box"). Double bag wet material with absorbent material in the inner bag.
- Twist the plastic bag(s) at the top; bend the twisted portion to form a loop and seal with tape.
   Seal bags individually when double bagging.
- Secure the burn box with tape.

# III. Waste disposal **Disposal of non-sharp solid waste-incineration**



#### III. Waste disposal Disposal of contaminated glass and pasteur pipettes

- Using 10% Hypochloride solution;
- Decontaminate the glass by autoclaving, or by soaking in 10% bleach for 30 minutes, then place in sturdy cardboard box, tape closed, and put the box in the building dumpster;
- Contaminated glass may be discarded into a sharps container and handled according to the instructions for "Sharps."

#### III. Waste disposal Disposal of Chemical wastes

- Prepare the waste for disposal by storing it in an appropriate container.
- The container must be of sound and leak-tight condition and be appropriate to the type of waste to be disposed.
- No harmful quantity of chemical waste shall adhere to the outside of the container.

#### III. Waste disposal Disposal of Chemical wastes

- Chemical waste must not be accumulated for disposal.
- Regular disposal must be arranged.
- Chemical waste must be stored in an appropriate manner so as not to create a hazard to laboratory- staff.
- Chemical waste must not be mixed with other chemical wastes for the purpose of accumulation unless the waste is of the same type.

# III. Waste disposal **Disposal of Chemical wastes**

- Personal Protective Equipment should be a consideration when handling chemical waste.
   Reference should be made to the Material Safety Data Sheet.
- Further information on chemicals can be obtained from the manufacturer, supplier.

#### III. Waste disposal Precaution in waste disposal

- All generators of potentially hazardous wastes must ensure the accurate and complete labelling and safe storage, transport, treatment and disposal of such wastes.
- Wastes should be minimized where possible.
- Wastes should be segregated at the outset and mixing avoided where possible.
- Untrained staff and students are not to handle hazardous wastes and must not be given responsibility for them.

#### III. Waste disposal Precaution in waste disposal

- Gloves must be worn at all times when handling infectious waste and disposed of as infectious waste. Infectious waste should not be stored for long periods in the generating area.
- Storage should be under refrigeration in a locked room which is clearly identified and labelled "Infectious Waste" and carry the internationally recognized "Biohazard" symbol.

#### III. Waste disposal Precaution in waste disposal

- Infectious waste should be double-bagged in yellow plastic bags carrying the Biohazard symbol. It must never be compacted or mulched.
- Waste from infectious organisms, infected materials, imported organisms and genetically manipulated microorganisms are to be autoclaved and incinerated.
- All animal carcasses contaminated by such microorganisms are to be incinerated within the confines of the animal house.



#### IV. Waste storage

- All storage facilities must be adequate, suitably sited, safe and hygienic;
- Unqualified personnel are not to have access to waste storage;
- Waste must not be compacted under any circumstances;
- Categories of waste must be identified and separated before storage;
- Waste must not be allowed to accumulate excessively and must be collected as frequently as possible.

#### IV. Waste storage WHO recommended Color code

Type of waste	Colour of container and markings*	Type of container
Highly infectious waste	Yellow, marked "HIGHLY INFECTIOUS", with biohazard symbol	Strong, leak-proof plastic bag, or container capable of being autoclaved
Other infectious waste, pathological and anatomical waste	Yellow with biohazard symbol	Leak-proof plastic bag or container
Sharps	Yellow, marked "SHARPS", with biohazard symbol	Puncture-proof container
Chemical and pharmaceutical waste	Brown, labelled with appropriate hazard symbol	Plastic bag or rigid container
Radioactive waste <sup>b</sup>	Labelled with radiation symbol	Lead box
General health-care waste	Black	Plastic bag

#### IV. Waste storage CPCB recommended Color code

COLOUR	WASTE DESCRIPTION
YELLOW*	Human tissues, organs, body parts, items contaminated by blood/body fluids, soiled cotton & dressing, soiled plaster casts etc.
RED*	Catheters, tubes, cannulae, syringes, plastic IV bottles & sets, used gloves, infected plastics, specimen containers, lab waste, microbiology cultures, used or discarded bags of blood/blood products, vaccines etc.
BLUE*	Glass items, needles, syringes, scalpels, blades, used and unused sharps etc.
BLACK*	Discarded medicines, discarded cytotoxic drugs etc.
GREEN	General waste, non-infected plastic materials & papers, disposables, cardboards, metal containers, office waste, food waste etc.

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#### V. Waste transport General principle

- Waste transportation trolleys for general waste should be painted black, only be used for nonhazardous waste types and labelled clearly "General waste" or "Non-hazardous waste".
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Transport of wastes to collection/storage areas.

- All wastes must be fully labeled and secured (closed) within appropriately designed and constructed containers in the lab or other point of generation prior to transport to the autoclave or other destination and must remain closed at all times during transport.
- All containers must be packed to minimize the risk of breakage or rupture.

Transport of wastes to collection/storage areas.

- If transport is by vehicle, the secondary container must be in leak-proof with a tight sealing lid that remains closed during transport, spill kits and appropriately trained staff must accompany wastes.
- Wastes must never be left unattended whilst waiting for collection by external agencies.

Any vehicle used to transport health-care waste should fulfill several design criteria:

- The body of the vehicle should be of a suitable size commensurate with the design of the vehicle.
- There should be a bulkhead between the driver's cabin and the vehicle body, which is designed to retain the load if the vehicle is involved in a collision.
- There should be a suitable system for securing the load during transport.

Any vehicle used to transport health-care waste should fulfill several design criteria:

- Empty plastic bags, suitable protective clothing, cleaning equipment, tools and disinfectant, together with special kits for dealing with liquid spills, should be carried in a separate compartment in the vehicle.
- The internal finish of the vehicle should allow it to be steam-cleaned and internal angles should be rounded to eliminate sharp edges to permit more thorough cleaning and prevent damage to waste containers.

Any vehicle used to transport health-care waste should fulfill several design criteria:

- The vehicle should be marked with the name and address of the waste carrier.
- An international hazard sign should be displayed on the vehicle and containers, as well as an emergency telephone number.
- The driver should be provided with details of the waste being carried.

The most important thing:

# All waste is collected by accredited waste collection agencies.

