

Sharps Waste

Any device or object contaminated with blood or body fluid that could puncture, poke or lacerate the skin. Not items that have trace or residual chemotherapy or that contain more than residual pharmaceutical agents.



Waste resulting from Diagnosis and Treatment



▶ Waste from Laboratory Research



▶ Waste resulting from Medical or Dental Procedures



▶ Waste resulting from Veterinary Procedures



▶ Waste resulting from Phlebotomy Procedures

Items considered to be “sharps”



▶ Suture and Acupuncture Needles, Butterflies, and Syringes



▶ Ampoules, Blood Vials, Culture Dishes and Slides



▶ Broken Glass or Capillary Tubes



▶ Scalpel and Razor Blades



▶ Guide Wires and Trocars



▶ Other Sharp Instruments

TYPES OF SHARPS CONTAINERS



Sharps | *New or used needles or sharp objects capable of puncturing the skin with no residual chemo or medications*



Chemotherapy Sharps | *Sharps containing trace amounts of chemotherapy medications*



Pharmaceutical Sharps | *Sharps containing residual amounts of non-hazardous pharmaceutical substances*

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* **Guidance only.** Each facility should check with their local and state regulations to verify specific policy and procedures