



## Clinical Updates

### Reminder Mission Hospital: Patient Specific Bins: Go-Live 2/25/26

- Pharmacy completed a review of patient specific pyxis bins and identified opportunities for improving pharmacy and nursing workflow.
- Historically, pharmacy place patient name, MRN and DOB on each bin and keep them updated each day. This practice is no longer necessary.
- On 2/25, pharmacy began utilizing the bin numbers exclusively for all patient specific products.

# Waste Compliance: General Trash

The following items should be disposed of in regular trash bins:

- 🗑️ *Open* alcohol prep pads
- 🗑️ *Empty* medication vials
- 🗑️ *Empty* IV bags
- 🗑️ *Empty* super sani-cloth containers
- 🗑️ Iodine prep pads
- 🗑️ Packaging
- 🗑️ Office supplies
- 🗑️ Food
- 🗑️ Personal care products, such as bath wipes, shampoo, mouthwash, etc.
- 🗑️ Ultrasound gel
- 🗑️ Lubricating jelly

The following items should **NOT** be disposed of in regular trash bins:

- ❌ *Unopen* alcohol prep pads → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ Medication vials containing liquid → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ IV bags containing liquid → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ Chloraprep swabs → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ Hand sanitizer → black hazardous waste bin
- ❌ Batteries → brown battery bucket
- ❌ SpO<sub>2</sub> sensors → white SpO<sub>2</sub> bucket
- ❌ Soiled linens → laundry hamper



# Waste Compliance: Sharps

The following items MUST be disposed of in the red sharp bins:

- Any device with sharp points that can puncture or cut skin
- Needles
- Safety lancets
- Flush syringes *with or without* a needle
- Ampules *except chemo*
- Broken vials and glass
- Razors and scalpel blades
- Scissors

Improperly discarded sharps can lead to needle-stick injuries and disease transmission.

If your red sharp bin is over  $\frac{3}{4}$  full, please contact dispatch to request a replacement. Please specify the color of the bin that is needed. Dispatch can be reached at 828-213-2028.



# Waste Compliance: Hazardous Waste

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The following items MUST be disposed of in the black hazardous waste bins:

- ☒ Pharmaceuticals
- ☒ Medication vials containing liquid
- ☒ IV bags containing liquid
- ☒ Super sani-cloth containers with liquid or wipes inside
- ☒ *Unopen* alcohol prep pads
- ☒ Chloraprep swabs
- ☒ Hand sanitizer
- ☒ Unlabeled substances

Alcohol prep pads may only be placed in the regular trash if they are *open*.

Pharmaceutical packaging may only be placed in the regular trash if there is no residue left inside.

If your black hazardous bin is almost full, please contact dispatch to request a replacement. Please specify the color of the bin that is needed. Dispatch can be reached at 828-213-2028.



# Waste Compliance: Regulated Medical Waste

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The following items MUST be disposed of in the red biohazard bins with red liners:

- 🗑️ Human body parts removed at surgery
- 🗑️ Infectious surgery specimens
- 🗑️ Skin tags, bone fragments, fatty tissue, limbs, placentas, other organs
- 🗑️ Visibly bloody gloves or PPE
- 🗑️ Visibly bloody plastic tubing
- 🗑️ Saturated bandages and gauze
- 🗑️ Blood and body fluids
- 🗑️ Walled suction canisters containing blood

Regulated medical waste will be disposed of via incineration, autoclave, microwave, or other approved method.

If your red biohazard bin is almost full, please contact dispatch to request a replacement. Please specify the color of the bin that is needed. Dispatch can be reached at 828-213-2028.

