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MEDICAL WASTE
Chemotherapy Waste Removal

Equipment & Supplies:

Yellow Chemotherapy Waste Container	
Medical Waste Box (cardboard)	2 Large Red Medical Waste Bags
Carton Sealing Tape	Marker
Cleaning wipes	Disinfectant
Chemo sticker	

It is the policy of the Environmental Services Department, when issuing an individual chemotherapy waste container to non-oncology units, to label the top of the container with the building and floor number of the requester. In addition, the following items will be issued with the container: 1 cardboard medical waste box, 2 large medical waste bags and instructions on disposal (next page).

Attire/PPE: Nitrile (purple) powderless gloves with cuffs (two pair), disposable plastic apron or gown

1. Set-up cardboard medical waste box per the medical waste preparation procedure.
2. Put on protective attire.
3. Check the chemotherapy waste container to make sure the cover is properly closed.
4. Place the full chemotherapy waste container in the medical waste box.
5. Remove gloves and place them into the medical waste box.
6. Put on clean gloves.
7. Use a disposable cleaning wipe with disinfectant to clean the chemotherapy waste container cart. Dispose of the cleaning wipe in the medical waste box.
8. Twist and tie each red bag in the medical waste box separately; use a goose-neck knot.
9. Remove gloves, disposable apron/gown and dispose in the medical waste box.
10. Seal box per medical waste preparation and removal procedure.
11. Use the marker to write the building name, floor, date and the word "CHEMO" on the side of the box or place a CHEMO sticker on the side of the box with date and location.
12. Place the box in the designated area for removal by the Environmental Services Department.
13. Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water.
14. Place a new container in the cart.

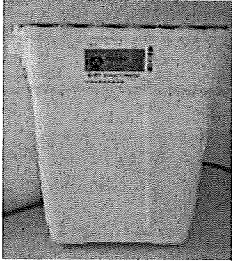
If there is a spill from the chemotherapy waste container, Nursing must be notified immediately, and they will take care of the spill. Environmental Services does not clean up the spill.

Any mops used for mopping up the area where the spill occurred must be disposed of properly in the chemotherapy waste container.

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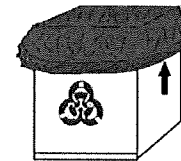
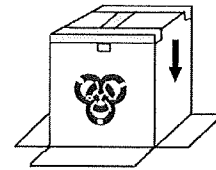
Instructions – Chemo waste disposal



Chemotherapy waste containers must be closed, sealed and disposed of into a cardboard medical waste box.

To Prepare an Empty Box:

1. Place the box with the bottom up.
2. Use the clear plastic tape to seal all the seams on the bottom of the box in an H fashion.
3. Place the medical waste box upright with the arrows on the box pointing up.
4. Place 2 large red bags in the box.



To Seal a Full Box:

1. Put on protective attire, nitrile (purple) gloves, disposable plastic apron or gown.
2. Check the chemotherapy waste container to make sure the cover is properly closed.
3. Place the full chemotherapy waste container in the medical waste box.
4. Remove gloves and place them into the medical waste box.
5. Put on clean gloves.
6. Use a disposable cleaning wipe with disinfectant to clean the chemotherapy waste container cart. Dispose of the cleaning wipe in the medical waste box.
7. Twist and tie each red bag in the medical waste box separately.
8. Remove gloves, disposable apron/gown and dispose in the medical waste box.
9. Seal box per medical waste preparation and removal procedure.
10. Use the marker to write the building name, floor, date and the word "CHEMO" on the side of the box or place a CHEMO sticker on the side of the box with date and location.
11. Place the box in the designated area for removal by the Environmental Services Department.
12. Wash hands thoroughly using soap and water.

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