Pharmaceutical Waste Stream Management

Items NOT to be Collected in the Containers

Plain Maintenance Solutions such as:
- Potassium chloride
- Magnesium Sulfate
- Saline
- Dextrose
- Lactated Ringers
- Sodium bicarbonate
- Controlled Substances

Follow Current Hospital Policy for Proper Disposal of these Items

Non-Hazardous Rx Waste
No Messaging

Leftover medication such as:
- Antibiotics
- Lidocaine
- Marcaine
- Heparin

Place into BLUE CONTAINER

Leftover medication such as:
- Insulin
- Some Multivitamins
- Trace elements
- Coumadin and Packaging
- Nicotine and Packaging

Place into BLACK CONTAINER

Leftover medication such as:
- Aerosols
- Inhalers with canister
- Dermoplast
- Oxidizers (Examples)
- Unused Silver Nitrate
- Other (Examples)
- Botox

*Place in a clear zip lock bag*

Place into a BAGGIE and RETURN TO PHARMACY

Labeled or Identified as Hazardous / Incompatible Rx

Hazardous Rx Waste
“Dispose in Black Container”

Incompatible Rx Waste
“For Disposal Return to Pharmacy”

Bulk & Trace Chemotherapy Rx Waste

Chemotherapy Rx and containers that ARE empty

- Empty Syringes
- Gowns with chemo small amount of contamination
- Gloves
- Goggles
- Wipes
- Empty IVs / Tubing
- Vials

Chemotherapy Rx and containers that are NOT empty

- Chemo Agents
- IVs with Residual Chemo Agents
- Chemo Spill Cleanup Debris
- Vials with Residual Chemo Agents
- Tablets, caps etc.

Place into BLACK CONTAINER

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Place into YELLOW CONTAINER

SHARPS
- Needles
- Empty syringes (clean)
- Empty controlled substance containers

REGULAR TRASH
- Empty Packaging, Empty Wrappers, Empty IV’s.
- Regular Trash
- Shipping packaging

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