


Biohazard Waste Disposal

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APPLICABLE LABORATORY(S):

- North Carolina Baptist Hospital (NCBH)
- Lexington Medical Center (LMC)
- Davie Medical Center (DMC)
- Wilkes Medical Center (WMC)
- High Point Medical Center (HPMC)
- Westchester
- Clemmons

PROCEDURE STATEMENT

This procedure provides laboratory testing personnel with guidelines for disposal of biohazardous waste.

SCOPE

- i. Procedure Owner/Implementer: Central Processing Lab
- ii. Procedure Prepared by: Central Processing Management
- iii. Who Performs Procedure: Central Processing Team Members

DEFINITIONS

- A.** Procedure: A process or method for accomplishing a specific task or objective.
- B.** WFBH Lab System: Wake Forest Baptist Lab System is a health system that includes Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and all affiliated organizations including Wake Forest University Health Sciences (WFUHS), North Carolina Baptist Hospital (NCBH), Lexington Medical Center (LMC), Davie Medical Center (DMC), Wilkes Medical Center (WMC), High Point Medical Center (HPMC), Lab at Westchester and Lab at Clemmons.

POLICY GUIDELINES

A. Blood/Body Fluid Specimen Disposal

1. Blood and body fluid specimens are disposed in biohazard waste containers with lids, lined with red biohazard bags. Full biohazard waste containers are picked up by Environmental Health and Safety staff for disposal.

2. Buckets used for urine container disposal are lined with clear bags. When the bucket is full, label the bag with the lab section, date and time. Take the full bucket to the autoclave room.
3. Samples in buckets are kept for 2 days. To dispose of samples in buckets, transfer the contents of the bucket into a biohazard waste container lined with a red biohazard bag.
4. Pipets used in the biosafety cabinet are discarded in a plastic bin labeled as biohazard. When the bin is full, place a lid on the bin and place the entire bin in a large biohazard waste container lined with a red biohazard bag.
5. Urine transfer devices, which contain a sharp, are discarded in sharps bins. When sharps bins are full, close securely then place full bin in the autoclave room to be picked up by Environmental Health and Safety staff for disposal.
6. Specimen bags are discarded in red biohazard bag-lined waste containers. Full biohazard waste containers are placed in the autoclave room to be picked up by Environmental Health and Safety staff for disposal.
7. After 24-hour urine samples are fully processed and aliquoted, remaining urine is rinsed down the dirty sink in the Spin area. Mark out or remove any patient identifiers from the empty urine jug and discard the empty jug in a regular trash bin.

REFERENCES

None

RELATED PROCEDURES/POLICIES

None

ATTACHMENTS/LINKED DOCUMENTS

None

REVISION DATES: REVIEW CHANGE SUMMARY AS REPRESENTED IN TITLE 21.