

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE INFECTION CONTROL

POLICY: Olive View-UCLA Medical Center will comply with all applicable County, State and Federal regulations regarding the disposal of biohazardous waste.

PURPOSE: To prevent the spread of communicable disease.

DEPARTMENTS: Environmental Services, Infection Control

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE: **BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE CLASSIFICATION**

1. Laboratory waste, including:
 - Human or animal specimen cultures from medical and pathological laboratories.
 - Cultures and stocks of infectious agents from research and industrial laboratories.
 - Wastes from the production of bacteria, viruses, or the use of spores, discarded live and attenuated vaccines, and culture dishes and devices used to transfer, inoculate and mix cultures.
2. Waste containing any microbiologic specimens sent to a laboratory for analysis.
3. Human surgery specimens or tissues removed at surgery or autopsy, which are suspected by the attending physician and surgeon or dentist of being contaminated with infectious agents known to be contagious to humans.
4. Animal parts, tissues, fluids, or carcasses suspected by the attending veterinarian of being contaminated with infectious agents known to be contagious to humans.
5. Waste, which at the point of transport from the generator's site, at the point of disposal, or thereafter, contains recognizable fluid blood, fluid blood

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products, or equipment containing blood that is fluid.

6. Waste containing discarded materials contaminated with excretion, exudates, or secretions from humans who are required to be isolated by the Infection Control staff, the attending physician and surgeon, or the local health officer, to protect others from highly communicable diseases (smallpox, viral hemorrhagic fever, EBOLA, etc).
7. Sharps Waste
Any device having acute rigid corners, edges, or protuberances capable of cutting or piercing, including:
Hypodermic needles, syringes, blades, and needles with attached tubing.
Broken glass items, such as pasteur pipettes and blood vials which are contaminated with other medical waste.

DISPOSAL OF BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE

1. Biohazardous waste, upon removal from a patient's room, is bagged in ridge covered container and deposited in the trash room. Red Biohazardous bags may not be transported without being placed in appropriate containers.
2. Red bagged Biohazardous waste is then transported in a covered cart labeled, "BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE" by environmental technician to the holding area where it is prepared for disposal procedure.

BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSPORTATION

1. Biohazardous waste is periodically transported to the holding area and disposed of in a prescribed manner.
2. The designated person for removal of biohazardous waste must wear gloves and appropriate PPE .
3. The employee should ensure red bags are transported separately, not with other waste. Regular and biohazardous waste must never be transported together due to the possibility of contamination. Once regular waste is exposed to biohazardous waste it must also be considered biohazardous, and treated as such as such.
4. This waste is picked through out the day for transporting at Olive View-

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UCLA Medical Center.

5. Upon unloading the waste, the cart is washed out with a germicide solution. The cart is stored in the designated biohazardous waste area.
6. The Biohazard Technician shall weigh all waste in the Biohazard room, i.e. Sharps, Pharmaceutical, Pathological and Chemotherapy. The weigh will be documented on the Biohazardous Waste Weigh Log.
7. Gowns, gloves, and masks should be discarded as Biohazardous waste and hands washed thoroughly.

References:	
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