

**OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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SUBJECT/TITLE: **MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT**

POLICY: Olive View-UCLA Medical Center (OVMC) will comply with California's Medical Waste Management Act and other applicable County, State, and Federal regulations regarding the management of medical waste.

OVMC shall register with the enforcement agency as a medical waste generator and obtain permit as a medical waste treatment facility. A Medical Waste Management Plan shall be prepared and filed with the enforcement agency. Environmental Health & Safety is responsible for reviewing and revising the Management Plan annually.

OVMC personnel and contracted employees shall adhere to the Medical Waste Management Plan in managing medical waste.

PURPOSE: To prevent the spread of communicable diseases through the proper management of medical waste.

DEPARTMENTS: All.

DEFINITIONS:

PROCEDURE: Olive View-UCLA Medical Center generates the following types of medical waste:

1. Biohazardous waste
 - a. Laboratory/Pathology waste, including waste placenta
 - b. Blood or body fluids
 - c. Isolation waste
 - d. Trace chemotherapeutic waste
2. Pharmaceutical Waste
3. Sharps waste

For specific procedures regarding the:

- Handling, storage, and disinfection of medical waste,
- Sterilization of biohazardous waste,

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- Handling biohazard waste bag spills, and
- Biohazardous Waste Contingency Plan,

Refer to the Medical Waste Management Plan, or contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at x3405.

References: Medical Waste Management Act Medical Waste Management Plan Joint Commission Environment of Care Standards	
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