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1. CONDITIONS:

1.1 Laboratory , Internal Medicine , Nursing , Psychiatry , Dental , X-ray and physiotherapy department

2. PURPOSE:

2.1 To minimize health risk associated with handling, managing and disposing infectious and cytotoxic products in the hospital.

3. DEFINITIONS:

3.1 Infectious waste: any waste that is suspected to contain pathogens (bacteria, viruses, parasites or fungi) category includes. in sufficient concentration or quantity to cause disease in susceptible hosts. This

3.2 Culture media from microbiology laboratory.

3.3 Waste from surgery and autopsies (e.g. human tissues, materials or equipment that have been in contact with blood or other body fluids, and fetuses).

3.4 Waste that are soaked or contain blood or body fluid (e.g. excreta, dressings from infected or surgical wounds, clothes heavily soiled with human blood or other body fluids, dialysis tubing and fetuses).

3.5 Sharps e.g. needles; infusion sets; scalpels; knives; blades; broken glass.

3.6 Non Infectious waste: any waste with very low concentration of pathogen e.g. paper cu, tissues, dry gloves etc...

4. Related Documents:

N/A

5. POLICY:

5.1 It is the University of Jeddah Medical Center policy to segregate Infectious waste from other medical waste in order to deliver it to a waste management company .

6. PROCEDURES:

6.1 Handling Infectious waste (yellow bags).

6.2 Yellow colored bags (with Biohazard label) are to be used for infectious waste except for sharps.

6.3 Soiled dressings removed from surgical wounds or other open skin sites will be placed in Yellow waste bag

6.4 Bare needles will not be left on IV poles, instrument trays or any place that may pose a hazard to personnel patients or visitors.

6.5 All waste from isolation unit collected in yellow bags.

6.6 Handling sharp medical waste (yellow Containers).

6.6.1 Sharps Containers are wall mounted shall be used for sharps.

6.6.2 Sharps Containers should be located as close to site of use associated possible.

6.6.3 The Infectious waste bags are collected by housekeeping personnel then transported from the units to an external Storage area by closed mobile Containers. finally, the Infectious waste is collected and transported away for treatment by an external contractor (SEPCO).

(please refer to medical waste policy and procedure manual).

6.6.4 Sharps Containers shall not have allowed to fill more than 3/4 of their capacity and they must be taped closed or tightly lidded.

6.6.5 Sharps Containers after being full shall be placed in Yellow bags by housekeeping personnel for storage and then processing.

6.7 Handling infectious waste (red bags) Human tissues. And any body parts are sent from the pathology section in double red bags holding freezer in the morgue until collected by the family or MOH for burial.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES: 7.1 Accountable to the Infection Prevention Control Practitioner/Committee.

8. Appendix: N/A

9. REFERRANCES: 9.1 Ministry of Health Manual for Infection Control

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