

Clinical Waste Disposal

The following colour coded plastic bags and rigid containers must be used to segregate clinical waste, produced in all wards and departments.

TYPE OF WASTE	CONTAINER	DETAILS AND COMMENTS
LOW RISK WASTE Soiled dressings, swabs, gloves, disposable tubing and any other items which may have been in contact with or used in the treatment of the patient. Soiled incontinence pads, nappies and bed pan disposables. NO Sharps or Contaminated Metal Parts or recognisable Human Tissue	ORANGE BAG	UN type approved Orange Plastic 170g bags. All waste for disposal by HDS in the ORANGE STREAM . Sharps or Contaminated Metallic items must not be disposed of in this waste bag. All orange bags must be placed in the clinical waste collection bins. Bags should be filled to no more than 2/3 full, swan necked and securely sealed with a ratchet tag.
LOW RISK WASTE Used Sharps Including disposable syringes, needles, scalpels and similar metal/sharp parts, cartridges, glass ampoules, used vials and broken glass. Blood and contaminated liquids, Dialysis Waste and Unrecognisable tissue.	RIGID CONTAINER	UN type approved Rigid Sharps/Bin container with orange lid complying with British Standard 7320 for disposal by HDS in the ORANGE STREAM . Sharps/Bin containers should NOT be filled above the 'fill-to' line The source must be identified.

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HIGH RISK WASTE Pathological Waste Including anatomical parts and human tissue for incineration Contaminated Metal Parts Laboratory Waste Certain Highly Infectious Waste for incineration	YELLOW BAG, THEN RIGID CONTAINER	UN type approved Yellow Plastic 300g bags. All waste for incineration in the YELLOW STREAM . All Pathological waste must be double bagged. All yellow bag waste must be stored and collected separately from all other clinical waste. Bags should be filled to no more than two thirds full, swan necked and securely sealed with a ratchet tag.
HIGH RISK WASTE Pathological Waste Including human tissue, foetal tissue and placenta for incineration Contaminated Metal Parts.	RIGID CONTAINER	UN type approved YELLOW Rigid Bin/Box container with yellow lid complying with British Standard 7320 for disposal by incineration in the YELLOW STREAM with waste type marked INDELIBLY in BOLD . Bin/Box containers should NOT be filled above the 'fill-to' line. The source must be identified. Containers must be stored and collected separately from all other clinical wastes.

IF IN DOUBT, CONSULT YOUR SUPERVISOR, WASTE MANAGER OR INFECTION CONTROL TEAM