



Pharmaceutical Waste Program



Clinician In-Service

Swedish Health Services



What Type of Waste Do I Have?

Patient Room
Med Room
Dirty Utility



Majority of
Drugs & IV
Fluids with
Electrolytes

Refer to WA
State-Only
Dangerous
Drug List

Med Room
Dirty Utility



Liquids
Coumadin,
Epinephrine
&
Physostigmine

Refer to
Black Box
Drug List

Med Room
Dirty Utility



Pressurized
Inhalers &
Aerosol
Medication



Chemo
&
Non-Chemo
Hazardous
Waste



Plain Saline,
Dextrose



Gloves,
Trash,
Empty
Containers





CsRx Controlled Substance Waste Container



All DEA Scheduled II-V Controlled Substances must be placed in CsRx container in raw form (no packaging). Do not discard down sink or other bins.

Solid and Liquid
Controlled
Medications
(unpackaged)



Locked, wall mounted containers are next to Pyxis MedStations in secure areas.





BLUE BINS

Location:

- Patient Rooms,
- Med Rooms,
- Dirty Utility

Waste:

- Sharps, syringes, and ampoules
- Majority of Drugs & IV Fluids with Electrolytes
- WA-State Only “Dangerous” Drug List
- **SHARPS ARE OKAY!**



BLACK BINS

Location:

- Med Rooms,
- Dirty Utility

Waste:

- Liquids, Coumadin, Epinephrine, & Physostigmine
- “Black Bin” Drug List
- **NO SHARPS**





What is NOT changing?

DO NOT dispose of these items in the blue or black pharmaceutical waste containers



Bodily fluids - Waste containing blood or other bodily fluids: Continue to red bag.



Plain IVs – Can go down the drain **IF NO MEDICATIONS ARE ADDED!**



Controlled Substances



Packaging - wrappers, gloves, most empty IVs, and regular trash: Continue to dispose in trash or recycle.



Chemo & Non-Chemo Hazardous