**BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN WASTE & DISPOSAL GUIDELINES**

The disposal of waste and sharps basically falls under the three categories of Sharps, Red Bag, and Clear Bag. The guidelines for various items are below.

**Sharps Disposal:**

The following items MUST be discarded in a SHARPS container:

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| 1. Needles | 1. Scissors, disposable |
| 1. Needles with Syringes | 1. Razors, disposable |
| 1. Syringes Only | 1. Trocars |
| 1. Vacutainer Needles | 1. Vacutainer Blood Specimen Tubes |
| 1. Scalpel Blades |  |

**Red Bags:**

The items below may be infectious and therefore MUST be discarded in Red Bags:

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| 1. Any item saturated with blood |  |
| 1. Blood Administration Sets (bags, tubing) | 1. Bandages saturated with blood |
| 1. Discarded specimen of Human Tissue | 1. I.V. Tubing; all I.V. Bags |
| 1. Introducers | 1. Plastic I.V. cannulas filled with blood |
| 1. Gloves and disposable gowns saturated with blood |  |

**Clear Bags:**

The items below may be disposed of in Clear bags:

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| 1. Bandages | 1. Kitchen Waste |
| 1. Gloves | 1. Medication Vials (non-chemotherapy) |
| 1. Disposable Gowns | 1. Papers, wrappings, packaging materials |
| 1. Empty Containers | * Infant Diapers |
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