

INFECTION CONTROL CHECKLIST

Hand hygiene

1. Hand washing facilities are equipped with wall mounted liquid soap dispensers.
2. Disposable towels are available in wall mounted containers.
3. Where hand washing facilities are not available, antiseptic alcohol-based hand gels are available at each clinical area.
4. Foot operated bin for waste towels in good working order situated at each hand wash basin.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1. Disposable gloves are readily available in all clinical areas, in a variety of sizes, for single-use only.
2. Single-use facemasks and eye protection are readily available in areas where there is a risk of splashing of bodily fluids.

Work practice controls

1. Specimen containers are visibly clean, leak-resistant and properly labeled.
2. Specimens are kept in a designated area.
3. Specimen's refrigerators are not used to store food or vaccine.
4. Refrigerators are appropriately labeled with biohazard sticker.

Injection safety

1. All sharps are disposed of in a puncture-resistant sharps container.
2. Sharps containers are correctly assembled.
3. Sharps containers are available at each point of required use.
4. Sharps containers are not filled beyond the indicator mark.
5. Full sharps containers are sealed only with the integral lock and not with tape or stickers.
6. Sharps containers are stored safely.
7. Filled sharps containers are disposed of in accordance with state regulated medical waste rules.
8. There are no inappropriate items in the sharp's container (e.g. swabs, bandages or packaging).
9. Needles and syringes are single-use only and discarded as a single unit.

Medical Waste Disposal Checklist

Medical Waste Disposal

1. Availability of Medical waste disposal contract.
2. Boxes for transport of sharps containers are available.
3. Packaged Medical waste is properly sealed.
4. "Infectious waste" register file maintained in laboratory.
5. All waste bags/containers comply with the local Standards.
6. All clinical waste bins used are foot operated, with a correctly fitted lid, and are in good working order.
7. All waste bins are visibly clean, both externally and internally.
8. Clinical waste bags/containers are no more than 3/4 full and their usage-type clearly indicated at source.
9. There is a designated area for the safe storage of clinical (hazardous) waste which is in a secure room, inaccessible to the public.