Inpatient Medication Disposal

Medications / Sharps

Non-hazardous medications
Medication containers
Medication related sharps

Saline, LR, dextrose and potassium can go down the drain. Other non-RCRA IV meds go in the blue box. Empty IV bags can go in regular trash (after ensuring patient privacy). Line new box with chux if concerned about fluids.

“blue” box goes in a yellow bag in dirty utility area for pickup by housekeeping or med waste tech.

Yellow bag
30 gallon
MM# 02200

Hazardous medications (RCRA Sticker) - full, partially used or empty of these medications:

RCRA Black Box Medications:

- Alcohol (>24% conc.)
- Alprostadil
- Amyl nitrate
- Benzocaine gel
- Bexarotene
- Chemotherapy (unused or partial)
- Coly-Mycin S Otic (drops)
- Cortisporin Otic (drops)
- Dexamethasone
- Influenza vaccine (unused)
- Insulin (all types)
- Lindane
- Meningococcal vaccine
- Naftifine
- Nicotine (unused patches)
- Nitroglycerin (all forms)
- Paregoric
- Physostigmine salicylate
- Selenium (except TPN solution)
- Selenium sulfide
- Silver nitrate (applicator swabs)
- Silver sulfadiazine
- Warfarin

Schedule a black box pickup online at http://www.utmb.edu/bof/ept/input.asp

Do not move box prior to EHS pick up. Box must remain where the RCRA is accumulated/stored (ex. the nurses’ station or med room)

For questions, contact Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) at 409-772-1781 or “0” and ask for EHS on-call.

Chemotherapy

For occasional chemo administration, place trace chemo in a yellow bag, tie it and bring it to a chemo unit for disposal. Trace chemo includes IV bags and tubing, vials, and PPE.

Routine chemo use = 18 gallon yellow box = MM#02215

Sharps

Red (or Clear) Sharps Box -
Mostly for non-medication related sharps. Syringes with needles can go in red or blue box. Medication containers do not go in the red box.

“Red” Box goes in a Red Bag
in dirty utility room for pickup by housekeeping or med waste tech.

Red bag
30 gallon MM#02317