# What Goes in Which Box?

**Disposal of Pharmaceuticals - Clinics**

### RED Sharps Box

**All used or uncapped needles with or without syringes.**

### RCRA Black Box

*All of these listed medications and their containers.*

**Full, partially used or empty.**

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

### Separate BLACK Box – Aerosols

**Benzocaine Spray**

### Yellow or Blue Box

*(white or clear with blue lid)*

*All other used, partially used or opened medications and vials.*

**Place inside a yellow bag when full.**

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**Trace Chemo** - Trace Chemotherapy (spent/empty IV bags, gloves, tubing, etc.) must go into a yellow bag/ yellow box.

Refer to Pharmacy Policy 7.53 Safe Handling and Spill Management Cytotoxic / Hazardous Agents.

**Unused and Unopened Medication Returns**

Return unopened medications to the pharmacy or place of purchase. If unable to return to the pharmacy or the place of purchase, the medication should be discarded in the appropriate container as specified above.

Refer to Pharmacy Policy 7.72 Disposal of Pharmaceuticals for updates.

**Attention** - Dispose of unused or expired hazardous chemicals by scheduling a chemical pickup with EHS online @ [http://www.utmb.edu/bof/epm/input.asp](http://www.utmb.edu/bof/epm/input.asp)