

Patient Room Waste Management

Preamble:

This checklist will address the following waste management tasks:

- Disposal of room waste and sharps container
- Handling of Human Waste
- Handling of Linen

Review glove hygiene process:

- Immerse gloved hands into basin and rub together in IP&C approved disinfectant without splashing
- Pat gloves dry with IP&C approved disinfectant wipe(s)

Throughout the checklist, IP&C approved disinfectant will be referred to as disinfectant.

Anteroom door is the door between the hallway and anteroom.

Patient room door is the door between the anteroom and patient room.

If at any point in the process the **Primary+** has soiled scrubs, proceed to the Soiled Scrubs Checklist.

Legend

Primary+
Monitor ▲

I. Disposal of Room Waste and Sharps Containers

Waste generated in the patient room will be disposed of in the blue drum within the patient room. The drum is lined with two red waste bags held in place with a securement ring. A drum lid covers the top of the blue drum between waste disposal activities.

Sharps are disposed of in the sharps container. The sharps container is assessed with each use and disposed of when 2/3 full.

Disposal of Room Waste and Sharps Containers process:

1. PREPARATION (assumed to be in patient room)

Primary+

Remove the blue drum lid and place on the floor, leaning against the wall

Ensure the blue drum has capacity so that once waste is placed inside, the drum will not be more than 2/3 full

Place waste generated in the patient room directly into blue drum, avoiding contact between the waste and the outside of the drum

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When the sharps container is 2/3 full, close it, engaging the locking mechanisms and place in the blue drum

Perform glove hygiene

Place drum lid back on blue drum

If blue drum is 2/3 full inform the **Monitor** ♣ the blue drum needs replacing

II. Handling of Human Waste

It is acceptable for human waste (feces, vomit) to be disposed of into the toilet following appropriate management.

Each time the patient uses the toilet, the following steps are required as an added measure:

Management of waste will be conducted by healthcare worker.

For solid and liquid waste:

- Using squeeze bottle, add 1 full bottle of liquid disinfectant, ensuring product covers all vertical surfaces of toilet
- Allow contact time of 1 minute
- Perform glove hygiene
- Lower toilet lid to cover
- Flush toilet twice

III. Handling of Linen

All linens are disposed of as waste into the blue drum.

Linens are bulky and may become heavy if saturated. If linens are determined to be particularly heavy or bulky, linen should be divided into smaller amounts and disposed of in multiple waste bags to avoid injury from lifting.

All linen must be prebagged where they are, before transferring to blue drum.

Monitor ♣ review the following processes with **Primary+**:

- Linen changes
 - Avoid shaking
 - Collect linen by folding/rolling linen, keeping the most soiled areas towards the inside
 - Avoid making body contact with linen
 - “Inside-out” pre-bagging of saturated linen
- Gooseneck process (see images at end)

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- Carefully gather top of bag only handling outside of bag
- Twist top of bag without compressing it, and fold top over to resemble a gooseneck
- Fasten a zip tie around gooseneck
- Supplies for entry (related to process/stocking)

Handling of Linen process:

1. PREPARATION

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Gather supplies if not already in the room

- Clean linens
- Red biomedical waste bags

Don **Primary+** PPE

2. PREPARE WORKSPACE

Considerations

Primary+

Disinfect supply table with disinfectant wipes. Discard wipes. Allow 1-minute wet contact time

Collect supplies and place on supply table

Assess linen for saturation

- If linen is heavily saturated (and may drip) consider use of multiple red biomedical waste bags and place on supply table

Remove blue drum lid and place on floor leaning up against wall

Ensure blue drum can accommodate amount of linen that will be disposed

If blue drum is 2/3 full inform the **Monitor** that the blue drum needs replacing

Carefully gather up linen and fold/roll linen, keeping the most soiled areas toward the inside

Collect linen within red biomedical waste bag

If linen is saturated

- Perform glove hygiene
- Take red biomedical waste bag from supply table and place over forearms "inside out"
- Collect linen within multiple red biomedical waste bags

Dispose of linen in blue drum

Avoid contact between soiled linens and outside of blue drum

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Perform glove hygiene

Place drum lid back on blue drum

Inform **Monitor** ▲ if blue drum is 2/3 full

Proceed to replace with clean linens

Gooseneck:

