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MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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SECTION I. TYPES OF MEDICAL WASTE GENERATED (Check all that apply):

- Laboratory wastes** – specimen or microbiological cultures, stocks of infectious agents, live and attenuated vaccines and culture mediums.
- Blood or body fluids** – liquid blood elements or other regulated body fluids or articles contaminated with blood or body fluids.
- Sharps**—syringes, needles, blades, broken glass.
- Pharmaceuticals** – Any drug, including over-the-counter medication, which has no value, (i.e. cannot be dispensed, repacked, sold, redistributed, or returned for credit).
- Surgical specimens** – human or animal parts or tissues removed surgically or by autopsy.
- Contaminated animals** – animals carcasses, body parts, bedding materials.
- Isolated waste** – waste contaminated with excretion, exudates or secretions from humans or animals who are isolated due to highly communicable disease as defined by the Center for Disease Control, Biosafety Level 4* or considered to be highly communicable by infection control, the department, local health officer, attending physician and surgeon, or veterinarian.

**Biosafety Level 4 virus and disease are: Congo-Crimean hemorrhagic fever, tick-borne encephalitis virus complex (Absettarov, Hanzalova, Hypr, Kumlinge, Kyasanur Forest Disease, Omsk Hemorrhagic Fever, and Russian Spring-Summer Encephalitis), Marburg Disease, Ebola, Junin Virus, Lassa Fever Virus, Machump Virus.*

SECTION II. TYPE OF FACILITY

1. This facility is classified as a:
 - Small Quantity Generator (*less than 200 pounds per month*)
 - Small Quantity Generator with Onsite Treatment of Medical Waste
 - Large Quantity Generator (*more than 200 pounds per month*)
 - Large Quantity Generator with Onsite Treatment of Medical Waste
 - Limited Quantity Hauling Exemption
2. The *estimated quantity of medical waste generated (including Sharps waste)* by this facility on a monthly basis is **350** pounds.
3. Describe the method of handling, *containment, collection, and storage* of **each type** of medical waste within your facility.

BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE

1. Definition: waste that which, at the point of transport from the clinic site, contains recognizable fluid blood, fluid blood products, or other regulated fluids, or containers or equipment containing these products.
2. Biohazardous medical waste, as defined above, shall be separated from other waste at the point of origin, and placed in appropriate containers for storage and pick-up by a registered hauler.
3. Red biohazard bags shall be used for containment of this type of waste. Bags must be impervious to moisture, and have sufficient strength to preclude ripping, tearing, or bursting under normal conditions of usage and handling. Such bags shall be labeled with the words "Biohazardous Waste" or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "Biohazard".
4. Receptacles for collecting biohazardous waste shall be protected from contamination by bags that are removed with the waste. Such containers shall be kept clean and sanitary. If a container is contaminated, it shall be decontaminated using an approved method. Decontamination shall also be performed before using the container for any other purpose.
5. Biohazard (red) bags shall be tied to prevent leakage or expulsion of contents during future storage, handling, or transport. Bags shall be placed for storage, handling, or transport in a rigid or disposable container. The container shall be leak-resistant, have a tight-fitting cover, and be kept clean. The container shall be labeled with the words "Biohazardous Waste", or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "Biohazard" on the lid and sides, so as to be visible from all sides.

6. Biohazardous waste shall not be contained or stored above freezing temperatures for more than seven days, without written approval of the appropriate enforcement agency. Waste which is frozen for storage may be kept for up to ninety days, with written approval of the enforcement agency.
7. Biohazardous waste shall be picked up by a registered hauler at regularly scheduled times, at least once weekly. In the event that a scheduled pick-up does not take place, waste may be stored in the designated freezer if it is anticipated that it will be on-site for more than seven days.

SHARPS WASTE

1. Definition: any device having acute rigid corners, edges, or protuberances capable of cutting or piercing.
2. Sharps waste includes, but is not necessarily limited to, hypodermic needles, syringes with attached needles, lancets, IV catheter needles, and broken glass.
3. All sharps waste shall be placed into a sharps container as soon as possible after use.
4. Sharps containers must be of rigid construction, with a tight-fitting, hard to remove lid, or they will be taped closed when full. Containers must be leak-resistant when sealed, and be labeled with the words "Sharps Waste", or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "Biohazard".
5. Sharps containers ready for disposal by a registered hauler shall be stored with other biohazardous waste, in the designated storage area. Storage shall not exceed seven days without written approval of the appropriate enforcement agency.
6. The contents of sharps containers shall not be accessed under any circumstances.
7. Sharps containers shall be kept as close as possible to the areas where they are needed, must be secured, and must not be placed above eye level. They shall only be filled to the "full" level indicated on the container.

PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

1. Definition: medications which become expired, or which become unusable for any other reason.
2. Pharmaceutical waste, as defined above, shall be segregated from other waste at the point of origin. Pharmaceutical waste includes both controlled and non-controlled substances.
3. Non-controlled pharmaceutical waste shall be stored in a rigid, tamper-proof container, labeled with the words "Pharmaceutical Waste" and "Incinerate Only". Up to ten pounds of this type of waste may be kept on-site, and picked up annually by a registered biohazardous waste hauler.
4. Controlled pharmaceutical waste shall be disposed of by a reverse distributor authorized for this purpose by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Only licensed personnel are authorized to handle controlled substances.

PATHOLOGY WASTE

1. Definition: human tissue specimens removed surgically.

2. Pathology waste, as defined above, shall be separated from other waste at the point of origin, and placed in appropriate containers for storage and pick-up by a registered hauler.
3. Red biohazard bags shall be used for containment of this type of waste. Bags must be impervious to moisture, and have sufficient strength to preclude ripping, tearing, or bursting under normal conditions of usage and handling. Such bags shall be labeled with the words "Biohazardous Waste" or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "Biohazard".
4. Receptacles for collecting pathology waste shall be protected from contamination by bags that are removed with the waste. Such containers shall be kept clean and sanitary. If a container is contaminated, it shall be decontaminated using an approved method. Decontamination shall also be performed before using the container for any other purpose.
5. Biohazard (red) bags shall be tied to prevent leakage or expulsion of contents during future storage, handling, or transport. Bags shall be placed for storage, handling, or transport in a rigid or disposable container. The container shall be leak-resistant, have a tight-fitting cover, and be kept clean. The container shall be labeled with the words "Pathology Waste", or with the international biohazard symbol and the word "Pathology" on the lid and sides, so as to be visible from all sides.
6. Pathology waste shall not be contained or stored above freezing temperatures for more than seven days, without written approval of the appropriate enforcement agency. Waste which is frozen for storage may be kept for up to ninety days, with written approval of the enforcement agency.
7. Pathology waste shall be picked up by a registered hauler at regularly scheduled times, at least once weekly. In the event that a scheduled pick-up does not take place, waste may be stored in the designated freezer if it is anticipated that it will be on-site for more than seven days.
8. Pathology waste requires incineration.

4. Describe the use of any *disinfection procedures* used in your facility for treatment or cleaning of reusable medical waste receptacles and medical waste spills.

An EPA-registered tuberculocide is used for decontamination. A ten-minute contact time is required, and appropriate personal protective equipment must be utilized during the decontamination process.

5. Describe the *accumulation area(s)* used for the storage of medical waste.

Medical waste is stored in a locked area. Only authorized personnel have access to this area. A sign is posted at the entryway to the area, which is visible from 25 feet away. The sign includes the required wording, in English and Spanish ("CAUTION—BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE AREA. UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS KEEP OUT. / CUIDADO—ZONA DE RESIDUOS BIOLÓGICOS PELIGROSOS. PROHIBIDA LA ENTRADA A PERSONAS NO AUTORIZADAS.").

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6. *Treatment* (Check all that apply):

- The facility employs a method *on-site treatment* (i.e. autoclave, incineration, steam sterilization) for medical waste. Enclosed are the operating procedures for the equipment.
- The facility uses a *hazardous waste hauler* to haul medical waste to an offsite treatment facility.

Hauler Name: STERICYCLE

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: 1-800-355-8773

Offsite Treatment Facility: STERICYCLE

SECTION III. EMERGENCY DISPOSAL

In the case of an emergency, such as equipment breakdown on the part of the registered hauler or natural disaster, medical waste will be (check one)

Stored for up to seven days on the premises. Sufficient storage space is available in:
refrigerator/freezer designated for this purpose

The following *alternate registered medical waste hauler* will be utilized:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, contact the Sacramento Environmental Management Department at 916-875-8440 or the 24 hr. Communication Center 916-875-5000.