



TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Infectious Waste Management Program

Infectious Waste **RED BAG WASTE**

Pads, dressings and tapes saturated with blood / dried blood.

IV tubing when blood is visibly present.

All blood transfusion bags & tubing.

All intravascular catheters.

Rectal tubes & drainage.

Wound suction & all drainage systems e.g., Hemovac, Jackson-Pratt, chest drainage, sump drainage, and other drainage systems contaminated with blood.

All used, disposable suction canisters and tubing (unopened and capped) **DO NOT EMPTY.**

Foley catheters & drainage bags visibly contaminated with blood.

Wastes that were in contact with the blood of patients undergoing dialysis.

Gloves visibly contaminated with blood or body fluids.

Supplies necessary to clean up a spill of Blood/ body fluids.

Tracheal suction catheters.

Non-Infectious Waste **CLEAR BAG WASTE**

The following items are not considered infectious waste.

Gloves not visibly contaminated with blood or body fluids.

Facial tissues.

IV bags, other than blood transfusion bags.

Paper / plastic outer wrappers from sterile trays.

Cardboard boxes, newspapers & computer paper.

Soda cans, boxes, cups, etc.

Thermometer Probe covers.

Materials soiled with urine or feces.

Respiratory therapy-related items, e.g. ventilator tubing, water reservoirs, masks cannulas, etc.

Sharps, needles, syringes and glass test tubes must be disposed of in the puncture resistant collection containers that are located in all patients rooms and in other appropriate areas throughout the hospital.