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Bio-Safety Policy for Department of Nursing

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Sharps Container Disposal

IOR for Clinical Skills Lab is responsible for assessing fullness of Sharps containers at the end of lab.

Sharps containers should ONLY contain sharps, no wrappers or other debris created during lab class.

When the skills portion of any course using the Sharps containers has ended, the Sharps container (**even if not full**) must be closed as directed on the container and taken to the Student Health Center. Sharps containers cannot be filled above the "FILL LINE" designated on the container for any reason.

As soon as you have finished with a Sharps container, the container should be locked and taken to the Student Health Center (SHC). **No FULL sharps containers should be in the Skill Lab at any time unless the SHC is closed when class is over. If this occurs then arrangements must be made to take the sharps container to the SHC on the next business day. No more than three sharp containers at one time can be accommodated.**

Prior to taking the sharps container to the SHC, call to make sure a Clinical Lab Scientist or RN is able to accept the container (4-2821). After making this arrangement, take the sharps container to the front desk of the SHC and ask for an RN or the CLS to come to the front desk and give them the sharps container.

Once sharps containers are taken to the SHC they will be autoclaved and disposed of following the policy of the SHC.

It is the IOR responsibility to make sure that there are sufficient Sharps container available for their class prior to starting any skills activity. If the last Sharps container is being taken by the IOR then the Nursing Office must be notified immediately to place order for Sharps containers.

No sharps containers may be taken to SHC between June 15th and August 15th, so be sure to plan accordingly.

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