## Pharmaceutical Waste Process



			Foundation Trust
Controlled drugs	BLEEP pharmacy		
Excess and expired stock, patients' own			
Controlled drugs	Dispose of per		
Part used doses, in ampoules, vials, syringes, PCAs, epidurals and used patches. <u>See Controlled</u> <u>Drugs Policy</u>	controlled drugs policy		
Cytotoxic and cytostatic medicines			
Part-used packs of hospital issued in-date tablets, capsules, unused sealed liquids, patches and injections.	Return to pharmacy for		
Non Cytotoxic and cytostatic medicines	reuse		
Part-used packs of hospital issued in-date tablets, capsules, unused sealed liquids, patches and injections.			
Sharps contaminated with cytotoxic / cytostatic medicines e.g. used chemotherapy needles and syringes. Also associated broken vials, ampoules & bottles of medicine.	Purple lidded sharps bin		SHARPS
Sharps contaminated with medicinal and infectious waste requiring incineration e.g. used medication needles and syringes. Also associated broken vials, ampoules & bottles of medicine.	Yellow lidded sharps bin		SHARPS
Sharps not contaminated with medicinal waste e.g. phlebotomy needles and operating sharps.	Orange lidded sharps bin		SHARPS
Unknown medicines			
Unknown loose tablets, capsules, doses of liquid medicines.			
Cytotoxic and cytostatic medicine (non Sharps)	Dunn le lidded	×.	
Expired medicines, unwanted patient's own, empty and part-used bottles, unbroken vials, ampoules, giving sets, tubes (leave giving set spike inserted in bag), and used oral/enteral syringes, excess doses, loose tablets, patches & liquids.	Purple lidded rigid container		
(Please recycle outer packaging)		rst	
Non-Cytotoxic and cytostatic medicine (non Sharps)			
Expired medicines, unwanted patient's own, empty and part-used bottles, unbroken vials, ampoules, giving sets (leave giving set spike inserted in bag), tubes, and used oral/enteral syringes, excess doses, loose tablets, patches & liquids.	Blue lidded rigid container		
(Please recycle outer packaging)			

Medicines and medicinally contaminated waste must never be placed in orange bags, tiger bags or black bags or discharged into the drains.

(except saline, glucose & liquid feed supplements up to a maximum of 1 litre and never into hand-wash basins).

If in doubt regarding disposal of medicines please contact pharmacy.

Full bins must be permanently closed and left for collection together with all other clinical waste.

Purple and Blue Lidded Rigid Bins are managed in the same way as sharps bins. Wards must request bins from Porters (Ex 2340).