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To

1. **All Civil Surgeons**
In the state of Punjab
2. **Medical Superintendents**
CH Jalandhar & MKH, Patiala
3. **All Deputy Medical Commissioners**
Punjab Health systems Corporation

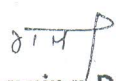
Subject: - Guidelines for safe management and handling of BMW.

With reference to the subject cited above and in continuation of previous letters on the subject, the following guidelines should be followed strictly in all hospitals. It is requested that these guidelines may be forwarded to all SMO in-charges of the hospitals and their compliance ensured:-

1. **Colour coding of disposable bags:-** The colour coding to be followed for various categories of waste is as follows:

Colour coding	Type of container	Waste category
Yellow	Plastic bag	Cat.1 Human anatomical waste Cat.2 Animal waste Cat.3 Microbiology and biotechnology wastes Cat.6 Soiled waste
Red	Disinfected container/plastic	Cat.3 Microbiology and biotechnology wastes Cat.6 Soiled waste Cat.7 Solid waste
Blue/white	Plastic bag/puncture proof container	Cat.4 Waste sharps Cat.7 Solid waste
Blue	Plastic bag	Cat.5 Discarded medicines and cytotoxic drugs Cat.9 Incineration Cat.10 Chemical waste

2. **Number of colour coded bags;** The need of the various colour coded bags as per the generation points should be worked out by the hospital authorities and the demand of the bags (as per colour coding) should be placed with the firm at least one month in advance after adding the wastage of 10%.
3. **Training of all health care providers:** The SMO I/c of all hospitals along with Nodal Officer (BMW) should once a month sensitize all health care providers about hazards of BMW and its safe handling.
4. Posters for proper segregation and disposal of bio-medical waste should be displayed at all generation points and other strategic places.
5. Firms have been requested to chart a route for picking up of BMW and inform all SMOs about the tentative time of arrival of the pick-up van so that hospital authorities can depute a person to oversee that BMW is properly handled over to the firm and receipt of the same is duly signed by both the representative of the firm and the hospital.
6. Log register should be maintained and signed by Nodal Officer (BMW), daily.
7. Receipts of the firm should be pasted in chronological order in '**Receipt Register**'.
8. Nodal Officer (BMW) of the hospital should take daily round of the hospital and SMO I/c of the hospital should ensure that **Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998** are followed both in letter & spirit.


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Secretary to PSHFW for kind information of PSHFW.