



# **Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise (PDSE)**

## **The Dental Education Facility protocol on the disposal of clinical waste (Devonport DEF)**

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## 1. Personal Protective Equipment Required

### 1.1 Full PPE is to be worn for these procedures

- Clinical clothing
- Plastic apron
- Eye protection
- Gloves

## 2. Protocol

### 2.1 Clinical Bays

- All clinical waste must be disposed of into the orange bags, which are located in the bins beneath both sinks in the clinical bays.
- Clinical waste includes (not exhaustive):
  - Gloves
  - Masks
  - Disposable aprons
  - Patients bibs
  - Swabs and gauze
  - Plastic dappens dishes
  - Prophy paste pots and finger rings
  - Dry guards
  - Disposable brush heads
  - Disposable rainbow and soflex discs
  - Cotton wool rolls
  - Tissues
  - Rubber dam and wedjets
  - Hand towels
  - Tray liners
  - Disposa shields and other disposable impervious coverings
  - Disposable wipes (Azowipes and Microzid wipes)
  - Headrest covering
  - Disposable prophy cups
  - Mouthwash cups
  - Disposable aspiration tips
  - Disposable 3:1 tips
  - Disposable impression tips
  - Micro-brushes
  - Composite capsules
- Any disposable items which have the potential to puncture the orange bag, must also be disposed of as sharps waste.

- The orange bags are collected and disposed of by the housekeeping staff at the end of each day.
- If the orange bag fills up before the end of the clinical session, contact a member of the nursing staff who will dispose of, and replace them, appropriately.

## **2.2 Disposal of orange bags**

2.2.1 If an orange clinical waste bag is full before the end of the clinical session it is to be tied off using a black non-retractable tie and placed the bin in the large yellow skip located in the bin store located in the Loading Bay. The key for this skip is held inside the key press located outside the cleaner's cupboard on the ground floor. This skip must be kept locked at all times.

## **2.3 Disposal of sharps bins**

- Partially filled sharps bins from the bays and on the emergency trollies are checked at the end of each day as part of the Dental Nurse daily clinical procedures. If they are partially filled the lids are set in the shut position. If the bins are full the nurse puts the lid in the locked position and labels the bin. These are put inside the clinical waste bin ready for collection and safe disposal.