

**MOBILE DIABETES CENTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**SUBJECT: BIOHAZARDOUS REGULATED WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/11**

**REVIEWED/REVISED DATE: 3/12, 9/12, 7/14, 11/15, 1/16, 1/17, 3/18, 9/20**

**PURPOSE: To prevent and/or control exposure to biohazardous material**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

**Biohazardous regulated waste (drippable, pourable, flakeable upon drying) and sharps are placed in containers which are closable, constructed to contain all contents and prevent breakage, appropriately labeled (biohazardous) or color coded (red) and closed before removal to prevent spillage or protrusion of contents during handling.**

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Discontinue use when  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.
2. Close/cap sharps containers.
3. Place closed container in a red bag, tie the bag and set it in the designated biohazardous storage container. Biohazard storage container is located in the MDC closet, or containers may be returned to the MDC Coordinator for proper disposal.
4. Environmental services will remove stored containers.
5. Biohazardous material will be removed by external contracted agency for incineration or autoclave disinfection.
6. Personal protective equipment will be used if anticipating exposure to blood or other infectious material.
7. Contaminated sharps are discarded immediately or as soon as possible in containers that are closeable, puncture resistent, leak-proof, and have sides and bottoms labled (biohazardous) or color-coded red.

Reference: OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Plan (1992)

8. Broken glassware, which may be contaminated, is picked up using mechanical means such as a brush and dustpan. Discard in sharps container.