

**CAROLINAS COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Section V - Safety

**SUBJECT:** BIOHAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND SHARPS CONTAINERS

**REVIEWER(S):** Safety Committee Chair

**Related Policies to Consult:**

CHS Waste Disposal Guide

**I. POLICY**

Biohazardous materials and needles/sharps used in the clinical skills, biology, phlebotomy, and medical *laboratory science areas, and in the Simulation Center*, must be placed in puncture-resistant containers, which are disposed of according to OSHA guidelines and CHS Policy. (For further information, refer to the CHS Waste Disposal Guide)

**II. PROCEDURE**

- A. The decision on what biohazardous material is suitable for educational use is at the discretion of each program manager. The prompt proper disposal of biohazardous waste is the responsibility of the instructor.
- B. Carolinas College of Health Sciences has contracted with Stericycle, *Inc.*, a biohazard disposal company in Charlotte, for the disposal of all biohazardous material and sharps containers. (Stericycle's phone number is 800-633-9278, *option 3, 1, & 0; account number 8116093-203.*)
- C. Stericycle provides the supplies necessary to package the biohazardous materials. Sharps containers are purchased through *the distribution center*. The supplies are stored in the various lab storage areas.
- D. Stericycle is called by the person designated in each lab requiring this service. Medical *laboratory science* instructors, simulated lab coordinator, biology and clinical lab instructors, and phlebotomy coordinator are responsible for contacting Stericycle for picking up biohazardous materials and sharps containers from their areas as needed.
- E. The biohazardous waste and sharps boxes are to be properly sealed by the area requesting the materials be picked up by Stericycle.
  1. The medical *laboratory science* instructors will leave the containers outside of room 139.
  2. The biology and clinical lab instructors will leave the containers outside of the biology lab storage area.
  3. A driver from Stericycle will pick up the box (usually within 48-72 hours of the call).
- F. The Biohazardous Material and Sharps Containers policy will be reviewed bi-annually.

**III. APPROVAL:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_