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 ADDRESS 3231 Gulf Gate Drive - Suite 104, Sarasota, FL 34231  
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**BIOMEDICAL WASTE PLAN\***

**A. Policy**

This facility will handle and store biomedical or infectious waste in compliance with all Federal laws, State laws, and Chapter 64E-16, Florida Administrative Code.

**B. Definitions**

1. **Biomedical Waste (BMW):** Any solid waste or liquid waste which may present

a threat of infection to humans. The term includes, but is not limited to, nonliquid human tissue and body parts, discarded sharps, human blood, human blood products, laboratory waste which contain human disease-causing agents, and body fluids. The following are also included:

- a. Used, absorbent materials saturated with blood, blood products, body fluids, or excretions or secretions contaminated with visible blood; and absorbent materials saturated with blood or blood products that have dried.
- b. Non-absorbent, disposable devices that have been contaminated with blood, body fluids or, secretions or excretions visibly contaminated with blood, but have not been treated by an approved method.

2. **Body Fluids:** Those fluids which have the potential to harbor pathogens such as human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis B virus and include lymph, semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal synovial, pleural, pericardial and amniotic fluids. Body excretions such as nasal discharges, saliva, sweat, tears, urine, and vomitus shall not be treated as BMW unless visibly contaminated with blood.

3. **Sharps:** Objects capable of puncturing, lacerating, or otherwise penetrating the skin.

4. **Items considered Biomedical Waste, based on the above definitions, are:**

Sharps:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Non-Sharps:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Home Users**

Any clients who generates biomedical waste in their home shall be informed verbally and in writing of the recommended method for handling & packaging BMW. Recommended methods include double bagging, use of sharps containers and red bags

or call 316-1838 or 492-3824 for procedures

**D. Segregation and Handling**

1. Biomedical waste is identified and segregated from other waste at its point of origin into its proper container. "Point of origin" is defined as the room or area at which the BMW is generated.
2. All sharps shall be discarded into leak-proof, puncture-resistant containers located: at 3231 Gulf Gate Drive - Suite 104
3. All non-sharp BMW shall be disposed of directly into red, impermeable bags that meet the specifications in Chapter 64E-16 of the Florida Administrative Code. Red bags are located: 3231 Gulf Gate Drive - Suite 104
4. Any employee handling BMW shall wear a minimum protective clothing including a minimum of gloves ~~and~~ \_\_\_\_\_.
5. When filled, all sharps containers and red bags shall be sealed properly.
6. Bagged BMW being prepared for off-site transport shall be enclosed in a rigid type container. If fiberboard is used, it shall meet the construction requirements defined in DOT 178.205 Code of Federal Regulations.

**E. Co-Mixing**

1. All BMW which is mixed with hazardous waste shall be managed as hazardous waste.
2. All BMW which is mixed with radioactive waste shall be managed as radioactive waste.
3. All solid waste, other than hazardous and radioactive, mixed with biomedical waste shall be managed as BMW.

**F. Labeling**

1. Biomedical waste bags and sharps containers shall be labeled as required by Chapter 64E-16, Florida Administrative Code.
2. BMW shall be labeled prior to transport off-site at the generating facility. The label shall be securely attached or permanently printed on each bag and sharps container and be clearly legible and easily readable. The following information shall be included in the labeling:
  - a. Facility name and address.
  - b. The international biological hazard symbol.
  - c. The phrase "Biomedical Waste" or "Infectious Waste".
  - d. This facility chooses or chooses not to date their packages of biomedical waste.
3. If a bag or sharps container is placed into a larger bag prior to transport, the label for the exterior bag shall comply with paragraph 2. The inner bags and inner sharps containers are exempt from paragraph 2a.
4. The outer containers shall be labeled with the transporter's name, address, registration number, and 24 hour phone number prior to transport. The transporter may provide labels for bags or sharps containers that are generator-specific, such as bar codes or specific container numbers.

**G. Training**

1. All employees must receive BMW training prior to commencement of duties and be updated yearly.  
Employee training shall detail compliance with the facility's operating plan and Chapter 64E-16, Florida Administrative Code and shall include:
  - a. Identification.
  - b. Transport.
  - c. Segregation of waste.
  - d. Handling of BMW (on-site).
  - e. Treatment of BMW.
  - f. Labeling of BMW.
  - g. Use of protective clothing.
  - h. Storage of BMW.
  - i. Procedures for decontaminating BMW spills.
  - j. Contingency plan for emergencies.

2. The facility must provide documentation that employees have been properly trained. Documentation of employee training is located in 3331 Gulf Gate Drive - Suite 104 in their personnel files and/or an in-service log.

**H. Procedures for decontaminating biomedical waste spills**

1. Surfaces contaminated with spilled or leaked BMW shall be decontaminated as part of the cleaning process. The procedure for this facility is: clean site with disinfectant and paper towels or cloth for immediate disposal into a red bag (double bagged)

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2. Liquid waste created by these chemical disinfection operations shall be disposed of into a sewage system.
3. The disinfectant utilized at this facility is: chlorine based disinfectant
4. Personal protective equipment and/or spill kits are located in the medical supply cabinet

**I. Storage and Treatment of BMW**

1. All onsite storage of BMW shall be in a designated area away from general traffic flow patterns and be accessible only to authorized personnel.
2. Storage of BMW shall not be for a period greater than 30 days. The 30 day time period shall commence when the first non sharps item of BMW is placed into a red bag or sharps container, or when a sharps container containing only sharps is sealed.
3. All areas primarily used for the storage of BMW, other than point of origin, shall be constructed of smooth, easily cleanable materials that are impervious to liquids, vermin and insect free, and maintained in a sanitary condition.
4. Outdoor storage areas and containers shall be secured from vandalism and shall be conspicuously marked with a minimum of six inch in diameter international biological hazard symbol.
5. The BMW storage area in this facility is located: in the medical supply cabinet at the rear of the office

**J. Treatment of BMW**

- 1. Biomedical waste shall be treated by steam, incineration or an alternative process approved by the department.
- 2. If the facility is contracting with an off-site transportation company, it must be registered with the Department of Health.
- 3. Name of transporter: Biomed  
or  
Method of treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

**K. Contingency plan for emergencies**

- 1.  If the DOH licensed biomedical waste transporter stated in section I is unable to transport this facility's BMW then another DOH licensed biomedical waste transporter will be contacted. See attached list.  
or  
\_\_\_\_\_ If the facility is unable to treat the BMW then \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. In the event of a natural disaster (i.e. hurricane) all biomedical waste will be secured and stored in \_\_\_\_\_

**L. Records**

- 1. All BMW records are kept for 3 years and shall be available for review by the Department of Health.
- 2. BMW records are located at 3231 Gulf Gate Dr #104 (i.e. manifests, invoices, certificate of disposal).

**M. Satellite offices \*\***

We see patients 6 hours per week or less at our satellite office(s) which is (are) located at: \_\_\_\_\_

**N. Transport**

- 1. 64E-16.009 (1). Biomedical waste generators transporting less than 25 pounds of their own biomedical waste, in their own transport vehicle, on any single occasion, are exempt from transporter registration, fee, and placarding requirements of this chapter.
- 2. The biomedical waste which is handled at the above location is removed from this location by a D.O.H. registered BMW transporter: Biomed  
or:  
will be transported by staff to our main office. The BMW will be transported in: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*This sample biomedical waste plan either meets or exceeds the requirements of Chapter 64E-16, Florida Administrative Code.**

**\*\*The amount of biomedical waste generated each month in satellite offices which operate 6 hours or less per week will be added together with the monthly amount generated in the main office.**

**BIOMEDICAL WASTE TRAINING RECORD**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WITH MY SIGNATURE, I AGREE THAT I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THIS FACILITY'S WRITTEN BIOMEDICAL WASTE PLAN WHICH IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 64E-16, F.A.C. BY REVIEWING THIS PLAN I HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN:

- A. IDENTIFICATION.
- B. TRANSPORT.
- C. SEGREGATION OF WASTE.
- D. HANDLING OF BMW.
- E. TREATMENT OF BMW.
- F. LABELING.
- G. USE OF PROTECTIVE CLOTHING.
- H. STORAGE OF BMW.
- I. PROCEDURES FOR DECONTAMINATING BMW SPILLS, AND
- J. CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR EMERGENCIES.

I HAVE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK AND HAVE ALL OF MY QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

