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PROPER USE OF NEEDLE CUTTER CONTAINERS

It has been observed that in most clinical facilities, needle cutter units supplied are being utilized for disposal of uncut needles, lancets, scalpel blades, and other sharp metal wastes. The white containers integrated with the needle cutter units are specifically designed for collecting cut needles only. To ensure appropriate use of needle cutter units and prevent unnecessary replacement of their white collection containers, all clinical facilities are requested to comply with the following guidelines:

1. Proper Use of Needle Cutter Containers



The white containers attached to needle cutters must be used only for collecting cut needles. Uncut needles or any other metal sharp materials such as lancets or scalpel blades **must not be discarded** into these containers. Using them for any metal sharps other than cut needles defeats the operational purpose of the equipment and results in unnecessary expenditure for replacing the white container of needle cutters, each costing approximately Rs. 200/container.

2. Segregation of Uncut Needles and Other Metal Sharp Wastes



Uncut needles, lancets, scalpel blades, and other metal sharps must be discarded exclusively in the standard white containers provided in the wards. These containers are hypochlorite solution cans, reused once the solution has been emptied. As they are reused materials, their use does not involve any additional financial implications for the institution.

3. Monitoring and Compliance

Adherence to these guidelines will be monitored by the Biomedical Waste Management Committee, the Hospital Infection Control Committee, and the NABH team. If the needle cutter unit is used for disposing of uncut needles, such incidents of non-compliance will be officially recorded and reported to the authorities, for further necessary action.



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