

## Clinical Waste Bags

### Orange Bag

Non-sharp, potentially infectious items soft clinical waste  
e.g. infectious dressings or swabs and infected PPE



### Tiger Bag

Offensive waste from the treatment of non-infectious patients  
e.g. used non-infectious PPE, tonometer heads, I-care probes (in sheath) used contact lenses



Bags should be filled no more than two thirds full OR to a maximum weight of 8kg, whichever is reached first. Bags should be sealed using the swan-neck method.



Do not use for the disposal of sharps or rigid items likely to puncture the bag



Do not use for the disposal of free liquids

## The 'swan-neck' method



When the bag is filled to the warning line (or two thirds), hold the bag by the neck and twist until tight



Place the cable tie around the folded neck of the bag



Double over and hold the twist firmly.



Tighten until a sturdy secure seal has been made.

## Clinical Waste Bins

### Yellow lidded sharps units

For sharps contaminated with medicinal products (not cytotoxic or cytostatic) e.g. Used fluorescein strips; needles and i-care probes (unsheathed)



### Orange lidded sharps units

For infectious or potentially infectious sharps e.g. needles used for foreign body removal, i-care probes where infection is suspected,

### Purple lidded sharps units

For cytotoxic and cytostatic waste e.g. Chloarmphenicol



### Blue lidded sealed units

For non-hazardous medicines, out of date stock or patient returns - NOT cytostatic or cytotoxic e.g. expired medicine, Minims, used Minims

## Remember...



Sharps units should be filled to maximum of threequarters full OR to the fill-line marked on the container, whichever is reached first



Sealed units should be filled to maximum of threequarters full OR to the fill-line marked on the container OR to the maximum weight of 20kg, whichever is reached first



Do not use for the disposal of free liquids