

Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) Checklist

Name:

Date:

Location/Unit:

Prevention Component	Practice Performed			Comments
	Yes	No	N/A	
Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is worn when handling RMW				
Items contaminated with blood or other potentially infectious material (OPIM), which would release these substances in a liquid or semi-liquid state if compressed, are placed in a RMW container				
Items that are caked with dried blood or OPIM and are capable of releasing blood or OPIM materials during handling are placed in a RMW container				
Sharps (e.g., needles and scalpels) contaminated with blood are disposed of in a sharps container				
Pathological and microbiological waste containing blood or OPIM are placed in a RMW container				
RMW is bagged or contained at the point of use				
RMW is placed in leak-resistant bags or containers				
Bags or containers with blood or other potentially infectious material (OIPM) are identified with labels, the universal biohazard symbol, the term "biohazard" and color coding				
Hands are washed after handling RMW or RMW containers				
A storage area with limited access and proper ventilation is designated for RMW				

Use N/A if (a) non-applicable or (b) not assessed.

General Comments