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PRODUCT REVIEW—SHARPS CONTAINER

SHARPS CONTAINERS AVAILABLE FROM CHS:

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| <p>Sharps Container Portable One-Quart Red Sharps Container</p> <p><u>UNIT OF ISSUE:</u> Each</p> <p>Lawson # 01642</p> <p><u>How to find in MIS/VSC:</u> C—Container, Sharps</p> | <p>DO NOT FILL SHARPS CONTAINERS ABOVE “FULL” LINE.</p> <p>THE SHARPS CONTAINERS ARE PUNCTURE-RESISTANT BUT NOT PUNCTURE-PROOF.</p> <p>TO AVOID INJURY, EXAMINE THE SHARPS CONTAINER CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU FILL, CARRY, OR DISPOSE OF IT.</p> |
| <p>Sharps Container 3-Gallon Red Sharps Container</p> <p><u>UNIT OF ISSUE:</u> Each</p> <p>Lawson # 01257</p> <p><u>How to find in MIS/ VSC:</u> C—Container, Sharps</p> | |
| <p>Sharps Container 12-Gallon Red Sharps Container</p> <p><u>UNIT OF ISSUE:</u> Each</p> <p>Lawson # 01257</p> <p><u>How to find in MIS/ VSC:</u> C—Container, Sharps</p> | |

A recent ORS identifies over-filled sharps containers in unspecified Clinical Center locations. Different sized sharps containers are available. To prevent injuries associated with overfilling, sharps containers should be sealed shut when they are three-quarters full, handled as medical pathological waste, and placed carefully into an MPW box.

This is a component of Universal Precautions. Universal Precautions includes training on appropriate sharps disposal and sharps container use and disposal. This training is available by contacting the Hospital Epidemiology Service at 6-2209.