



SHARPS DISPOSAL

DO'S AND DON'TS

- Before starting any procedure involving sharps, **DO** plan their safe disposal after use
- **DO** dispose of used sharps point first into an approved sharps container
- **DON'T** resheath needles (unless unavoidable)
- **DO** make sure that the sharps container is placed at point of use available before the procedure commences.
- **DON'T** over-fill sharps containers.
- **DO** use purpose built sharps containers, designed for safe sharps waste disposal.
- In areas where visitors have access, **DO** ensure that sharps containers are out of the reach of small children, secured and locked.
- **DO** use the handles to transport sharps containers.
- **DON'T** hold sharps containers against your body when carrying or sealing.
- **DON'T** attempt to open a sealed sharps container