APIC Memphis 007-St. Jude Global Collaboration for IPC Educational Course







The Intensive Infection Control Course for Infection Preventionists:

- Provides training on essential IPC concepts
- Focuses on the patient population of immunocompromised children
- Targeted at the audience of infection preventionists at institutions in low- and middle-income countries around the world
- Available at no cost to participants

Memphis APIC-St. Jude Global Collaboration



- 4 APIC members helped develop lesson content for 35+ lessons
- 9 APIC members provided expert review of lesson content for 20+ lessons
- 4 APIC members presented at a live class meeting for Ask the Expert and Module Review sessions



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Intensive Course for the Prevention and Control of Infections

3.3.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CLEANING BETWEEN PATIENTS

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The goal of healthcare waste management (HWM) is to protect healthcare workers, patients, families, and the public from the transmission of infectious diseases. Certain types of hospital-generated waste, including needles and sharps, microbiologic cultures, and radioactive and chemotherapeutic waste, require specific processes for their disposal. Above all, when developing policies and procedures for HWM, the preventionist must always consider local, state, provincial, and national expectations and regulations alongside the scientific basis for regulating medical waste.

Learning objectives

After completing this lesson, participants should be able to do the following:

- LO1 Classify the general categories of medical waste
- LO2 Describe the process of appropriate management and treatment of medical waste
- LO3 List methods for treating and disposing of healthcare risk waste

Medical Waste Categories

Healthcare waste refers to all the waste generated in a healthcare facility; this can be healthcare general waste or healthcare risk waste (HCRW). About 10-25% of waste generated by hospitals is considered infectious or hazardous and, therefore, requires special procedures for its disposal. This infectious or hazardous waste may contain infectious agents, sharps, hazardous chemicals or pharmaceuticals, or genotoxic or radioactive materials. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines 10 categories of healthcare risk waste:

- Infectious waste comprises any waste that may host pathogens at a level that could cause
 infection. This waste includes bodily excretions, such as blood, saliva, urine, and feces, as well as
 any materials or equipment that may have been in contact with these body fluids during the
 diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of illness, such as surgical dressings and blood bags.
- Pathological and anatomical waste includes organs, tissues, or body parts (including blood) that could be colonized or infected.
- Hazardous pharmaceutical waste comprises expired, used, unused, or contaminated drugs or vaccines, as well as any vials, tubing, or bottles associated with the medications.
- 4. Hazardous chemical waste includes chemicals, whether sollids, liquids, or gases, that are used to disinfect or clean within the hospital. Generally toxic, corrosive, or flammable by nature, the specific formulations describe the appropriate disposal procedures. However, the WHO allows small quantities of chemical waste to be disposed of with infectious waste.

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Outcomes: Online Training



2019 Course

59 participants 16 countries 39 institutions

Participants

22 Nurses 31 Medical Doctors 2 Clinical Pharmacists 4 Microbiologists

