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**IPC.26 The hospital implements a program that is consistent with laws and regulations for safe disposal of medical waste.**

- IPC.26.1 There is a policy and procedure for safe disposal of medical waste.
  - IPC.26.2 Medical waste is disposed by specialized company and includes all types of medical waste.
  - IPC.26.3 Medical waste segregation, collection, and storing is conducted as per applicable laws and regulations.
  - IPC.26.4 Yellow bags are used for all non-sharp disposable materials contaminated with patient's blood and/or body fluids.
  - IPC.26.5 Yellow bags are distributed in the hospital in sufficient number and location.
  - IPC.26.6 Red bags are used for tissues, body parts, and amputated parts to be saved and then collected by the municipality to be buried.
  - IPC.26.7 Medical waste containers are cleaned and maintained regularly.
  - IPC.26.8 Hazard signs are fixed on all medical waste containers.
  - IPC.26.9 Medical waste collection points are cleaned and maintained regularly.
  - IPC.26.10 Labor working in medical disposal are well trained and vaccinated against blood borne pathogens.
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**Standard Intent:**

To protect the public and the environment from potentially infectious disease and to provide safe healthy environment to patient, healthcare worker and visitors, the hospital should implement Medical Waste Management Program that regulates the segregation, handling, storage, and disposal of medical waste and providing oversight for its implementation as per hospital policy. The program should be implemented within national laws and regulation. The hospital should ensure the availability of required supplies (yellow bags, red bags, medical waste containers...etc.). Medical waste workers should be vaccinated and trained on safe handling of medical waste as reflected in their employee health records.

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**IPC.27 The mortuary and postmortem area are supervised by infection prevention and control.**

- IPC.27.1 There are written policies on how to handle bodies post mortem especially bodies that have multiple open wounds.
  - IPC.27.2 The temperature of the morgue is kept at 2-4°C and logged daily.
  - IPC.27.3 For long term preservation of dead bodies, the facility must provide a deep freezing compartment (temp < -15°C).
  - IPC.27.4 The morgue is regularly cleaned and disinfected.
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