

# SHARPS MANAGEMENT

## Safe sharps practice checklist

### HANDLING

Avoid using sharps if possible,  
and use devices with a safety feature if available.

### DO NOT...

- ...pass sharps directly from hand-to-hand
- ...bend or break needles before use
- ...resheath needles by hand
- ...separate syringes/cartridges/needles before disposal
- ...leave sharps lying around

### DISPOSAL

Always dispose of sharps immediately  
at the point of use into an appropriate container.

### DO NOT...

- ...fill sharps containers more than two-thirds full  
(or above the manufacturer's marked line)
- ...dispose of sharps with other clinical waste
- ...put used containers into yellow bags for disposal