

Health Care Waste Management Seminar Outline

► Overview:

Health Care Waste Management is an essential part of ensuring that healthcare activities do not pose a risk or potential risk of infection and are securely managed. Most waste goes to landfill, incineration, or is disposed of using alternative technologies. Irrespective to its disposal method, waste has the potential to pollute land, air and water.

Much healthcare waste is similar to domestic waste; however, a smaller portion is infectious or hazardous waste, posing a risk to human health and environment. Thus Healthcare waste should be managed appropriately leading to:

- Satisfaction in governance requirements for an effective waste management process
- Reduction in harmful effects on the environment
- Lower waste disposal costs, releasing funding for reinvestment into direct patient care

► Objectives:

This seminar provides a framework for best practice waste management in order to help healthcare organizations, and other healthcare waste producers, meet legislative requirements as well as identify opportunities to improve waste minimization and reduce the associated environmental and carbon impacts of managing waste

This seminar helps:

- To prevent exposure to healthcare waste and related health hazards; whether voluntary or accidental
- To create awareness and foster responsibility among hospital patients and visitors to healthcare establishments
- To inform the public about the risks linked to healthcare waste
- To introduce a unified approach to waste management
- To provide a framework to help healthcare organizations meet legislative requirements

► Possible Attendance:

This seminar provides practical advice for all those involved in the management of healthcare waste, as well as all who are in contact with or manage healthcare waste (waste producers, waste contractors and regulators)

- Attendants may include:
- Directors/ Senior Management
- Waste Managers/ Transport Managers
- Financial Management and Estate Managers
- Environmental/Sustainability Managers
- Procurements/ Purchasing Department members
- Housekeepers and porters
- Cleaning Staff

- Nursing Staff and Doctors and Support Team
- Infection Prevention and Control Staff
- Waste Contactors and Consultants
- All those people involved in:
 - Primary Care trusts
 - Ambulance trusts
 - Veterinary practices
 - Mental Health trusts
 - Dental Practices
 - Opticians
 - Podiatrists
 - General Practices
 - Pharmacies
 - Residential Homes with and without nursing care
 - Research facilities
 - Private and independent healthcare organizations
 - Other non-healthcare practices producing healthcare waste (tattooists, body piercers)
 - Practices offering complementary and alternative treatments
 - Voluntary organizations

► Structure:

18 hours to be carried out over 3 days including presentation, workshop, valuable supporting documents, for Managing Healthcare waste

► Contents:

The seminar covers:

- Waste Definition and Classification
- Waste Segregation
 - National Color-Coding System
 - Color-Coding of Sharps Receptacles
- Waste Assessment
- Legislation and Healthcare Waste
- Waste Audits
- Accidents and incidents
- Training and competence
- Community nursing

Throughout the seminar there will be opportunities for questions, and where appropriate, case studies will be discussed.