

## WASTE MANAGEMENT OBSERVATION CHECKLIST

**Waste Management Audit Checklist** based on:

- **Standard 2.2.4.1**
- **Criterion 2.2.4.1.1**
- **Assessment type: Observation**
- **Risk rating: Vital measure**

This audit tool evaluates how well a health establishment manages **health care risk waste, sharps, pharmaceutical waste, anatomical waste, and general waste** across key service areas.



### Waste Management Observation Checklist

**Standard 2.2.4.1** – Waste must be handled, stored, and disposed of safely in accordance with the law.

**Criterion 2.2.4.1.1** – Waste management procedures must be implemented and observed.

**Assessment Type:** Observation

**Risk Rating:** Vital Measure



#### Scoring Instructions:

- **Score 1** if the aspect is compliant.
- **Score 0** if it is non-compliant.
- Use **N/A** for aspects not applicable to the area (e.g. anatomical waste in areas where it's not generated).



#### Unit 1: Consulting Room

| Aspect                                                           | Score (1/0/N/A) | Comment |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1. Health care risk waste disposal bin/box with functional lid   | ___             |         |
| 2. Lined with red plastic bags                                   | ___             |         |
| 3. Contains only health care waste                               | ___             |         |
| 4. Sharps container (impenetrable, tamperproof, not overflowing) | ___             |         |
| 5. Expired/obsolete medicine in green "Pharmaceutical Waste" bin | ___             |         |
| 6. General waste container with appropriate liner                | ___             |         |

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### Unit 2: Procedure Room

| Aspect                                              | Score (1/0/N/A) | Comment                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Health care risk waste disposal bin/box with lid | ___             |                              |
| 2. Lined with red plastic bags                      | ___             |                              |
| 3. Contains only health care waste                  | ___             |                              |
| 4. Sharps container (not overflowing)               | ___             |                              |
| 5. Anatomical waste in red bucket with sealable lid | ___             | (Mark N/A if not applicable) |
| 6. General waste container with appropriate liner   | ___             |                              |



### Unit 3: Waiting Area

| Aspect                                            | Score (1/0/N/A) | Comment |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1. General waste container with appropriate liner | ___             |         |



### Unit 4: Bathroom

| Aspect                                            | Score (1/0/N/A) | Comment |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1. Sanitary bin (box or container)                | ___             |         |
| 2. General waste container with appropriate liner | ___             |         |



### Scoring Summary

| Unit   | Total Score | Max Score       | Compliance % |
|--------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Unit 1 | ___         | 6               | ___ %        |
| Unit 2 | ___         | 6 (or 5 if N/A) | ___ %        |
| Unit 3 | ___         | 1               | ___ %        |
| Unit 4 | ___         | 2               | ___ %        |



### Additional Comments / Recommendations

- Are **waste bins clearly labelled** and correctly colour-coded?
- Are **sharps containers properly closed and replaced before full**?
- Is **pharmaceutical waste stored securely and separately**?
- Are there any **overflowing or open containers**?

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Auditor Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_