Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to give clear and concise directions for the proper disposal of all one-time use items.

Policy:

1. Proper handling of disposable items should occur anytime patient contact is initiated.

2. At the point that patient care is terminated any and all disposable equipment related to or coming in direct contact with the patient is to be replaced.

3. Items that have not come in contact with any infectious body fluids will be discarded in a standard trash receptacle.

4. Any items that have become contaminated with infectious body fluids shall be disposed of in a properly marked red bag which will then be placed in an OSHA approved biohazard container.

5. Contaminated sharps must be immediately disposed of into a properly placed sharps container.

6. For additional guidance in handling contaminated items, refer to the City of West Des Moines Special Blood borne Pathogens Policy and Procedure Manual located in the Safety Program Manual.

7. The following items are designated as single-use only.
- 1000cc Sterile Water bottles
- 4x4 dressings
- 5x9 dressings
- Adult / Peds towel rolls/headbeds
- Alcohol wipes
- Antibiotic ointment packets
- Arm boards
- Baby warming hats
- Bag valve mask units
- BAMM devices
- Betadine swabs
- Bougie
- Cervical collars
- Cold packs
- Pneumothorax kits
- CPAP Masks, filters, mask straps, tubing and valves
- Disposable blankets
- Disposable gowns
- Disposable laryngoscope blades
- Disposable thermometer covers
- Dri-Pads
- ECG Electrodes
- Emesis bags
- Endotracheal tube holders
- Endotracheal tubes
- End-tidal CO2 detectors (ETT and Nasal Cannula)
- Eye/ Face shields
- EZ- IO Needles and tubing
- Glucometer lancets
- Hot packs
- Huber needles
- IO needles
- Iodine swabs
- IV catheters
- IV tubing
- Kids 02 packs
- King LT-S Airways
- Kling dressing
- KY packets
- Lancets
- Large trauma dressings
- Laryngoscope blades
- Latex / Non-latex gloves
- Meconium Aspirators
- Medications (all)
- NaCl IV bags 1000cc / 250cc / 50cc
- Nail polish remover pads
- Nasal airways
- Nasal cannulas
- Nebulizers including in-line models
- Needles
- Needleless Connectors including Lever locks, blunt tips and twin packs
- NG tubes
- Non-rebreather masks
- OB kits
- Occlusive dressings
- Oral airways
- Pediatric pulse-ox probes
- Pocket masks
- Quick combo pads (Physio Control and Zoll)
- Razors
- Saline lock connectors
- SAM splints
- Soft restraints
- Stylets
- Suction canisters, elbows and lids
- Suction catheters
- Suction tubing
- Syringes
- Tube check devices
- Urinals
- Veni-guards
- Ventilator circuits
- V-vac cartridges