# Waste Management & Environmental Cleaning



# What is Waste?

- Waste includes
  - Human waste: vomit, urine, stool, placenta
  - Water waste: Chlorine used to wash boots, soapy water used to wash dishes
  - Leftover food
  - Sharps: needles, scalpels
  - Burnable waste: disposable gloves, gowns, face masks, disposable towels, used bandages



#### Why is it Important?

- Waste from sick people can spread disease
- You be careful when handling waste
- People who handle waste MUST wear PPE for cleaners





#### **Personal Protective Equipment**

• Put on PPE slowly and carefully

• DO NOT RUSH!

 It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that You must have a buddy watch you put on the PPE



## Sequence for Putting on PPE

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- 1) Take Off Jewelry
- 2) Put on Boots/ shoe covers
- 3) Wash hands
- 4) Examination gloves
- 5) Gown
- 6) Head cover
- 7) Face mask
- 8) Face shield
- 9) Apron
- **10)** Thick rubber gloves/heavy duty





















#### **1. Remove Jewelry**

- Remove ALL jewelry before putting on PPE
  - Watches
  - Bracelets
  - Rings
  - Earrings









#### **2.** Put on Boots

• Put on boots







#### 3. Wash Your Hands

- Wash your hands immediately before putting on PPE
- Use Soap and water
  ....OR Hand sanitizer
  ....OR 0.05% Chlorine





#### 4. Put on Examination Gloves

- Select correct size
- Insert hands into gloves





#### 5. Put on Gown

• Opening is in the back





#### 6. Put on Head Cover

- Put on the head cover
- Tuck your hair into the head cover





#### 7. Put on a Face Mask

- Place the mask over your nose and mouth
- Secure on head with ties
- Adjust to fit







# 8. Put on a Face Shield

- Position shield over the face and secure with the elastic band
- Adjust the face shield to sit just above your eyebrows
- Adjust to fit comfortably





# 9. Put on Apron

- Slide the apron over your head
- Tie at the waist





#### **10. Put on heavy duty/rubber gloves**





## Taking Off PPE for Cleaners



#### **PPE Removal Area**

- Take off PPE in the "PPE REMOVAL AREA"
- Supplies inside the "PPE REMOVAL AREA"



**Chlorine foot bath** 



**Disposable towels** 



Bucket filled with 0.5% Chlorine for used aprons



0.05% Chlorine



Bucket filled with 0.5% Chlorine for thick rubber gloves





**Rubbish bin** 

#### **Taking Off PPE**

• Taking off PPE **MUST** be done under the supervision of infection control person

• Every time you take off a PPE item, wash your hands with 0.05% chlorine



# Sequence for Taking Off PPE

- 1) Remove the heavy duty/rubber gloves
- 2) Remove apron
- 3) Remove gown
- 4) Inspection/cleaning boots
- 5) Remove face shield
- 6) Remove face mask
- 7) Remove head covering
- 8) Remove second pair of gloves











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#### 1. Take Off heavy duty/ Rubber Gloves

- Take off heavy duty/rubber gloves
- Place the gloves in a container filled with 0.5% chlorine





# 0.5% chlorine for heavy duty/ rubber gloves









# 2. Take off Apron

- Untie the apron from the back
- Lift the Apron over your head and take off
- Place the apron in a bucket filled with 0.5% chlorine















#### 3. Take Off Gown



- Unfasten ties
- Peel gown away from neck and shoulder
- Turn contaminated outside toward the inside
- Throw it away









#### **4. Inspection/Cleaning of Boots**

 Infection control person MUST inspect your boots for any visible blood or other body fluids (blood, vomit, urine, stool)



#### **Inspection/Cleaning of Boots**

- If your boots are dirty:
  - Wipe off the visible body fluid with a disposable towel and throw it away
  - Wipe area again with a deposable towel soaked with 0.5% chlorine
- **DO NOT** clean the sole or bottom of the boot









#### 5. Take Off the Face Shield



- Do not touch the front of the face shield
- Lift the elastic strap over your head
- Throw it away









#### 6. Take Off the Face Mask



- Do not touch the front of the face mask
- Untie the bottom tie
- Untie the top tie
- Discard









#### 7. Take off Head Cover

- Take off head cover
- Throw it away











#### 8. Take Off Gloves



- Remove your gloves slowly
- Grasp glove at the palm with opposite gloved hand; peel off
- Hold removed glove in gloved hand
- Slide fingers of ungloved hand under remaining glove at wrist
- Peel glove off over first glove
- Throw away the gloves








#### Leaving PPE REMOVAL AREA

 As you leave the PPE removal area, walk through the chlorine boot bath







#### Wash Your Hands

- Wash your hands immediately after removing PPE
- Use Soap and water
  - Always use soap and water if your hands are visibly dirty
- OR **0.05%** Chlorine
- OR Hand sanitizer



 Cleaning should always be carried out from "clean" areas to "dirty" areas, in order to avoid contaminant transfer

## Change PPE if visibly soiled



#### Waste Management — Supervisor Duties

- Oversee all parts of waste management
- Train and supervise waste disposal staff
- Make a schedule for collecting and burning disposable waste
- Make sure waste collection and burning is done safely



#### Waste Management — Staff Duties

- Bring waste from the clinic/hospital to the disposal site
- Operate the incinerator/burning pit
- Make 0.5% chlorine solution every day for cleaning
- Make 0.05% chlorine solution every day for handwashing stations





Type of Waste	How to Collect and Dispose ?
Human Waste Stool, urine, vomit, placenta	
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Burnable Waste Disposable gloves, gowns, face masks, face shields, disposable towels, used bandages	Plastic bag	Incinerator or burn pit



## Waste collection



- Waste should be segregated at point of generation to enable appropriate and safe handling.
- Collect all solid, non-sharp, infectious waste using leak-proof waste bags and covered bins.

Bins should never be carried against the body (e.g. on the shoulder)



#### How to Dispose of Human Waste Collected in a Bucket

- Tip the bucket slightly and slowly and carefully pour
  0.5% chlorine into the bucket
  - As you pouring , try to coat all the sides of the bucket with the chlorine
- AVOID splashing



#### How to Dispose of Human Waste Collected in a Bucket

1) Cover the bucket and wait 15 minutes

2) Carry bucket without splashing or spilling to the latrines

3) Pour the contents of bucket down the latrine

4) Clean and disinfect the bucket



#### How to Dispose of Waste Water and Leftover Food

- 1) Put waste water and leftover food in buckets
- 2) Carry bucket without splashing or spilling to the latrines
- 3) Pour the contents of bucket down the latrine
- 4) Clean and disinfect the bucket



#### **How to Dispose of Sharps**

• All sharps **MUST** be placed in a waterproof, puncture resistant container **BEFORE** it is brought to the incinerator



#### **How to Dispose of Sharps**

1) When the sharps container is ¾ full, close and seal the container

2) Place the sharps container in a bucket

3) Carry the bucket to the incinerator and burn the sharps container

4) Clean and disinfect the bucket



#### How to Dispose of Burnable Waste in a Plastic Bag

- 1) When the plastic bag is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full, close the bag shut with string or tape
- 2) Place sealed bag inside another bag
- 3) Bring to the incinerator/pit for burning



#### Picking a Place for Incinerator/Burning Pit

- On the health facility area
- Away from the normal flow of people/cars
- Should NOT be in an area where it will attract people



#### How to Make a Burning Pit for Waste

- Dig a pit that is 2 meters deep (about 7 feet) and filled to a depth of 1–1.5 m (or about 3–5 feet)
- Pit should be wide enough to hold all the burnable waste that will be burned
- An incinerator may be used during an outbreak to destroy solid waste
  - It is essential to ensure that total incineration has taken place
  - Caution is required when handling flammable material and when wearing gloves due to the risk of burn injuries if gloves are ignited



#### How to Burn Waste in a Pit

- Place the waste into the pit
- Pour fuel (diesel) on the waste and start the fire
- Watch the burning to make sure all the waste is completely burned
  - When the fire has gone out, if any waste was not completely burned, repeat burning



#### How to Burn Waste in a Pit

- When no waste remains and the fire goes out, cover the ash with dirt
- When the pit becomes ¾ full, cover it with half a meter of soil
- Dig a new waste pit

#### Placenta and anatomical samples should be buried in a separate pit.



#### How to disinfect spills of body fluids

- Pour 0.5% chlorine solution onto a clean rag
- Let stand for 15 minutes.
- Remove with rag or paper towels.
- Discard rag in plastic bag for infected waste
- Wash area with soap and water.
- Disinfect again with 0.5% chlorine solution



# How to disinfect patient clothing and bedding before laundering:

- Soak soiled clothing in 0.05% chlorine for at least 30 minutes.
- Remove and place in a container of soapy water overnight, rinse thoroughly and dry on line.
- If you have a suspect or probable Ebola case discard and burn contaminated materials.



#### How Often Should I Clean and Disinfect ?

- Surfaces (Tables, chairs, desks)
  - Twice a day (in the morning before clinic opens, and in the evening after the clinic closes)
- Clean Triage area or anywhere a suspect patient has been
- Medical Equipment
  - After each patient
  - Thermometers, stethoscopes should be cleaned and disinfected after EACH patient



- Cleaning with a moistened cloth helps to avoid contaminating the air and other surfaces with air-borne particles.
- Allow surfaces to dry naturally before using them again.



Dry sweeping with a broom should never
 be done. Rags holding dust should not be
 shaken out and surfaces should not be
 cleaned with dry rags



#### **Chlorine Solution**

- Chlorine is a VERY STRONG chemical
- Make the solution in an open area to avoid fumes
- You must wear your recommended PPE when making chlorine solution
  - Face shield, mask, gown, apron, gloves and rubber gloves, rain boots



#### **Chlorine Solution**

- Chlorine loses strength with time
  - Everyday throw out the old chlorine solution
  - Everyday make new chlorine solution
- Sunlight weakens chlorine solution
  - Keep the chlorine solution away from direct sunlight

Caution:

• Chlorine solutions can weaken gloves. Gloves must be checked after cleaning, and before reuse.



#### **Disinfection Chlorine Solutions & Uses**

## 0.05%

**DISINFECTION of :** 

- Bare (or gloved) hands, skin and shoes
- Thermometers
- Laundry
- Plates, cups and eating utensils.

0.5%

DISINFECTION of:

- Body fluids , excreta, vomit etc.
- Corpses
- Toilets & bathrooms
- Floors
- Beds and mattress covers
- Footbaths



#### **Preparation and use of chlorine**





#### Making chlorine water from 5% bleach





#### **Find the Mistake**













NO headcover You must wear a head cover





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Using a broom





NO headcover You must wear a head cover

Using a broom DO NOT use a broom to sweep





#### Keep Safe – Keep serving

#### • THANK YOU!

