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Medication Type	Dose form	Additional actions	Bin type
<b>CYTOTOXIC</b>	All	Nil	
<b>SCHEDULE 8 AND SCHEDULE 11*</b> <sup>1</sup> Authorised personnel can only destroy partially used doses of S8s (e.g. ampoule, vial, tablet or lozenge).  <sup>2</sup> Destruction by two authorised personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered nurses (RN)</li> <li>Registered midwives (RM)</li> <li>Enrolled nurses with medication endorsement (ENmed)</li> <li>Medical officer (MO)</li> <li>Pharmacist</li> </ul> Pharmacist involvement required on wards for destruction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full doses (S8) - includes dose refused, dropped or removed in error</li> <li>Patient's Own (S8/S11)</li> <li>Expired (S8/S11)</li> </ul>	Tablets/Capsules <sup>2</sup> S8 - partial tablet S11 - full tablet 	Crush 	
	Injectable liquids <sup>2</sup> Remnants of S8 or S11 dose in open ampoule OR S8 or S11 vial that has had medication removed from it 	Extract contents 	
	Used patches <sup>2</sup> 	Cut 	
	Empty containers (bottles, blister packs, vials/amps)	Nil	
<b>ALL OTHER SCHEDULED MEDICATION</b>	Tablets Capsules 	Nil	
	Liquids 		
	Patches 		
<b>SHARPS (excluding S8/S11)</b>	Empty vials/ampoules/needles (no medication residue)	Nil	
<b>NON-SHARP ITEMS (excluding S8/S11)</b>	Other containers e.g., bottles, blister strips (no medication residue)	Nil	
<b>FLUIDS (excluding S8/S11)</b>	Fluids with medicine additives <sup>3</sup>	Extract contents 	
	<sup>3</sup> Empty bags should be discarded in general waste or into the appropriate recycling stream (where one exists) Glucose containing solutions <sup>3</sup> (includes parenteral nutrition)	Extract contents 	Approved sink (dirty utility room)
	Other fluids <sup>3</sup> e.g., sodium chloride, Hartmann's, fluids with electrolytes, dialysate fluid		

\* Schedule 8 drugs must be destroyed in accordance with Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017 (non-identifiable, non-recoverable)

<sup>1</sup> Refer to procedure *OP-GC6 Medication Prescription, Supply, Storage and Administration* (Table 9 page 29) for details on the destruction of S8 and S11 medicines

<sup>1</sup> Refer to procedure *Management of Unknown Substances (including Illicit and Unidentifiable Substances)* on destruction of unknown substance

