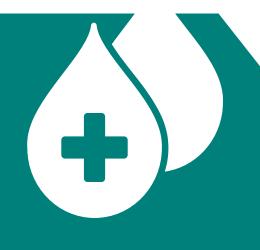# What is Biomedical Waste?

- **Visibly bloody** gloves, plastic tubing, or personal protective equipment (PPE)

- Gauze, bandages or other items **saturated with blood**

- Securely closed **disposable sharps containers**

- **Items that are freely dripping liquid or semi-liquid blood** or "potentially infectious materials" or could readily release infectious materials if compressed

- **Items containing dried blood** or "potentially infectious materials" that could release flakes if compressed or otherwise handled

- **Human blood and blood products,** including serum, plasma, and blood components

- **Hemodialysis waste** of all items that were in contact with the patient's blood (tubing, filters, towels, gloves, aprons, lab coats) and any other contaminated disposable equipment)

- **Human or animal isolation wastes** (blood, excretion, exudates, secretions, and items contaminated with these) from humans or animals that have been isolated to protect others from communicable diseases

- **Sharps waste contained in a disposable sharps container**

- **Surgery or autopsy tissue, organs, or body parts** (eg, adenoids, appendix, tonsils, amputated digits, hands, feet, arms or legs), also known as anatomical wastes

- **Surgical and autopsy wastes** (eg, soiled dressings, sponges, drapes, lavage tubes, drainage sets, underpads, and surgical gloves) that were in contact with infectious agents

- **Cultures or stocks of any virus, bacterium or other organism** including discarded live attenuated vaccines and the items used to transfer, inoculate or mix cultures

- Tissues, organs, body parts, bedding, carcasses, and body fluids from **experimental animals that were exposed to infectious agents**

- **Teeth** in dentistry

- **Laboratory wastes** that have been in contact with infectious wastes, including gloves, coats and aprons

- **Discarded medical equipment** and its components that have been in contact with infectious agents

- Any other discarded item or waste that an administrator believes poses a **threat to human health or the environment**