

Veterinary Science

Preparatory Training for the Veterinary Assistant

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Medical Waste Disposal

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Objectives

- Understand that surveillance of medical waste disposal reduces the hazards of diseases and injuries
- Understand that proper disposal of blood, tissue, and sharps reduces environmental hazards and animal and human dangers

Types of Medical Waste

- Sharps
- Vaccines
- Cultures
- Animal waste

■ Sharps

- Hypodermic needles
- Syringes
- Tubing
- Scalpel blades
- Suture needles



- Sharps disposal

- Container

- Rigid
 - Unbreakable
 - Puncture resistant
 - Leak resistant
 - Easily sealed
 - Marked with biohazard symbol

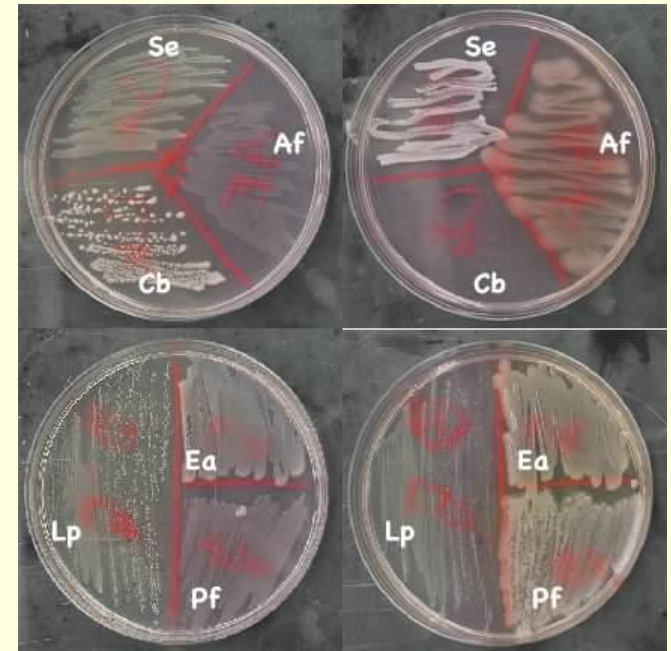




- Vaccines disposal
 - Vials
 - Contain modified-live vaccines



- Cultures disposal
 - Growth media
 - Contain organisms



- Animal waste disposal

- Carcasses

- Tissues

- Urine

- Feces

- Blood

Regulations and Regulatory Agencies

- Federal Medical Waste Tracking Act 1988
 - EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
 - DSHS – Department of State Health Services