

## Minimization, Recycling of Medical Waste

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The reduction of waste generation must be encouraged by the following practices:

### **Reducing the amount of waste at source**

Choosing products that generate less waste: less wrapping material, for example.

Choosing suppliers who take back empty containers for refilling (cleaning products); returning gas cylinders to the supplier for refilling.

Preventing wastage: in the course of care, for example, or of cleaning activities.

Choosing equipment that can be reused such as tableware that can be washed rather than disposable tableware.

It is prohibited to reuse needles or syringes. The plastic part of syringes is recycled in some regions, but this practice is not recommended in ICRC contexts

### **Purchasing policy geared to minimizing risks**

Purchase of PVC-free equipment (choosing PET, PE, or PP)—see Health-Care Without Harm site.1110.

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