

Department of Anesthesia

Title:

HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF
ANESTHETIC AGENTS

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None

POLICY:

Anesthetic agents will be disposed of in a manner that is consistent with MGUH policy for hazardous materials,

PROCEDURES:

The following guidelines apply to anesthetic agents disposed during regularly scheduled vaporizer program and/or whenever vaporizer is drained of anesthetic agent.

1. Department and/or vendor representative performing agent drainage will wear appropriate protective clothing, gloves and goggles/eyewear.
2. Anesthetic agents drained from vaporizer during regularly scheduled vaporizer exchange program or at other times are drained into sealable marked plastic containers supplied by vendor using technique defined by the vendor in vaporizer operation and maintenance manual.
3. Anesthetic agent drainage is NOT mixed in containers and is NOT to be reused.
4. After the agent is drained into the container, the container is sealed, labeled and placed in secure area in Anesthesia Workroom.
5. Alert MGUH Safety Officer (GUH Policy 274) to arrange pickup and removal of container(s).
6. Personnel will conform to all other applicable MedStar Georgetown University Hospital policies regarding handling and disposal of hazardous materials.
7. Material Safety Data Sheets for all agents used by the Department of Anesthesia can be found in the "MSDS/Hazardous Communication" book located in the Emergency Department.

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