

**UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY HEAD START, INC.
WIC PROGRAM
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

DISPOSAL OF SHARPS

PURPOSE: To prevent and control transmission of blood borne pathogens.

POLICY: A red puncture-resistant container designed especially for the disposal of sharps will be provided at each WIC clinic site.

This policy applies to Lancets and Hemocue cuvettes used in the WIC clinics.

The container should be easily accessible for DIRECT disposal of sharps after their use.

PROCEDURES:

1. Discard LANCETS directly into the puncture-resistant container after completion of finger, toe or heel stick blood draw.
2. Discard HEMOCUE CUVETTES directly into the puncture-resistant container after completion of hemoglobin reading.

NOTE: Lancets and Hemocue cuvettes should fall freely into the container.

DO NOT FORCE ADDITIONAL SHARPS INTO FULL CONTAINER

3. The top of the sharps container should be sealed when the sharps are at the line which says "Do Not Fill above This Line."
4. The full container should be taken to the Pendleton Landfill for disposal.