Managing the Regulatory Environment

ADA's Guidelines for Practice Success™ (GPS™)

ADA Tip Sheet on Medical Waste Disposal

Make sure that:	
□ Medica ✓ Wh reg	al waste is properly separated and contained. The separated and contained is a separate information of the separate information of the separating medical waste, the requirements for separating medical waste vary by state so be see to check local regulations.
✓ Secand	harps, such as needles, burs and scalpels are stored separately from other medical waste. e the articles on Sharps Safety , Disposal , And Safe Injection Practices and the ADA Do's down'ts for the Safe Handling of Instruments and Sharps in this module for information on andling and disposing of used sharps.
Admini potentii ✓ Ext inc ○ ✓ ✓ ✓ Ext to p	ded teeth that are being discarded are subject to the Occupational Safety and Health stration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogens Standard since the agency considers them ally infectious material. It is a good idea to review state and local regulations regarding disposal of amalgam to ensure you're in compliance with any regulations. You may want to check with metal recycling companies since some may accept extracted teeth with amalgam. Make you ask about any recyclers' policies and handling instructions. It is a health risk and do not fall under OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens Standard. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Q&A on Extracted Teeth also by idea helpful information.
waste. ✓ Fin ✓ Co	It your contracted waste handling service for instructions on storing and handling medical and out if they can provide approved containers for storing and transporting medical waste. In they are documentation they'll provide to confirm that medical waste has been removed in the practice and disposed of in accordance with local regulations. Your business agreement with the waste management company should include a clause requiring the handler to notify you of the waste's final destination. Keep all documents from your waste disposal company concerning pick up and disposal in case you need to access that information in the future.
□ No one	e on staff ever transports medical waste.
Resources:	EPA Medical Waste ADA GPS Managing Regulatory: Sharps Safety, Disposal, and Safe Injection Practices

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ADA Do's and Don'ts for the Safe Handling of Instruments and Sharps [PDF]

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CDC Q&A on Extracted Teeth