Disposal of Single Use Patient Items

**Audience**
All personnel in the Pulmonary Function Clinic.

**Purpose**
To define the proper use and disposal of single use patient items.

**Policy**
This policy is designed to describe the proper disposal of non-reusable items in the Pulmonary Function Clinic. Non-disposable, re-usable items are disinfected and returned to patient use as defined in Cleaning and Disinfection of Pulmonary Function Equipment Policy and/or Procedure.

Small volume nebulizers, nasal cannulas, emesis basins, disposable oxygen masks, patient circuits, pneumotachs, and mouthpieces are the main items to be disposed of after patient use in the Pulmonary Function Clinic. These items will be disposed of into the regular trash. Only items that are saturated with blood will need to be placed in red biohazard bags.

This form documents the approval and history of the policies and procedures for the Pulmonary Function Laboratory. The Medical Director signs all policies verifying initial approval. Annually thereafter, the Director and/or designee may approve reviews and revisions.

**Date** | **Approved by:** | **Signature**
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