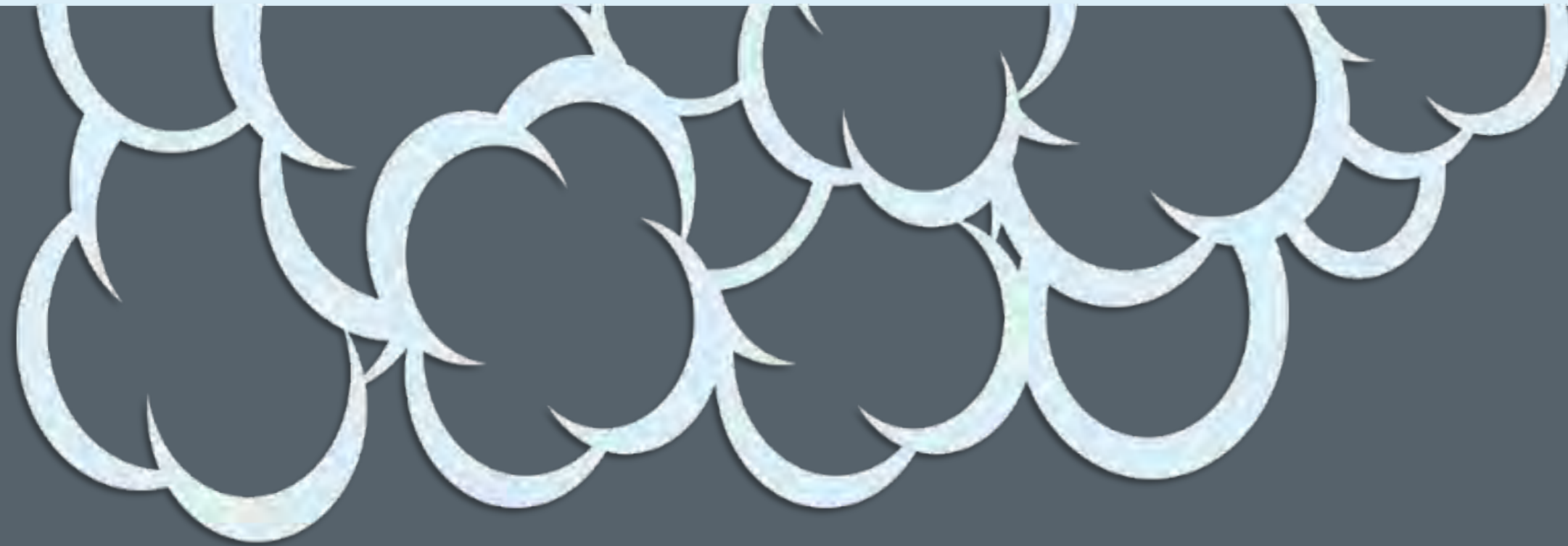


EVACUATION

Know your department's evacuation plan prior to need.



Types

- ▷ **Lateral** - Evacuation through smoke/fire barrier doors to a safe area on the same floor
- ▷ **Vertical** - Evacuation of all occupants on a floor to another safe floor

Order

- ▷ Evacuate patients nearest the fire first. If leaving the floor, evacuate patients in the following order:
 - ▽ Ambulatory patients
 - ▽ Wheelchair patients
 - ▽ Bedfast patients

Initial Procedure

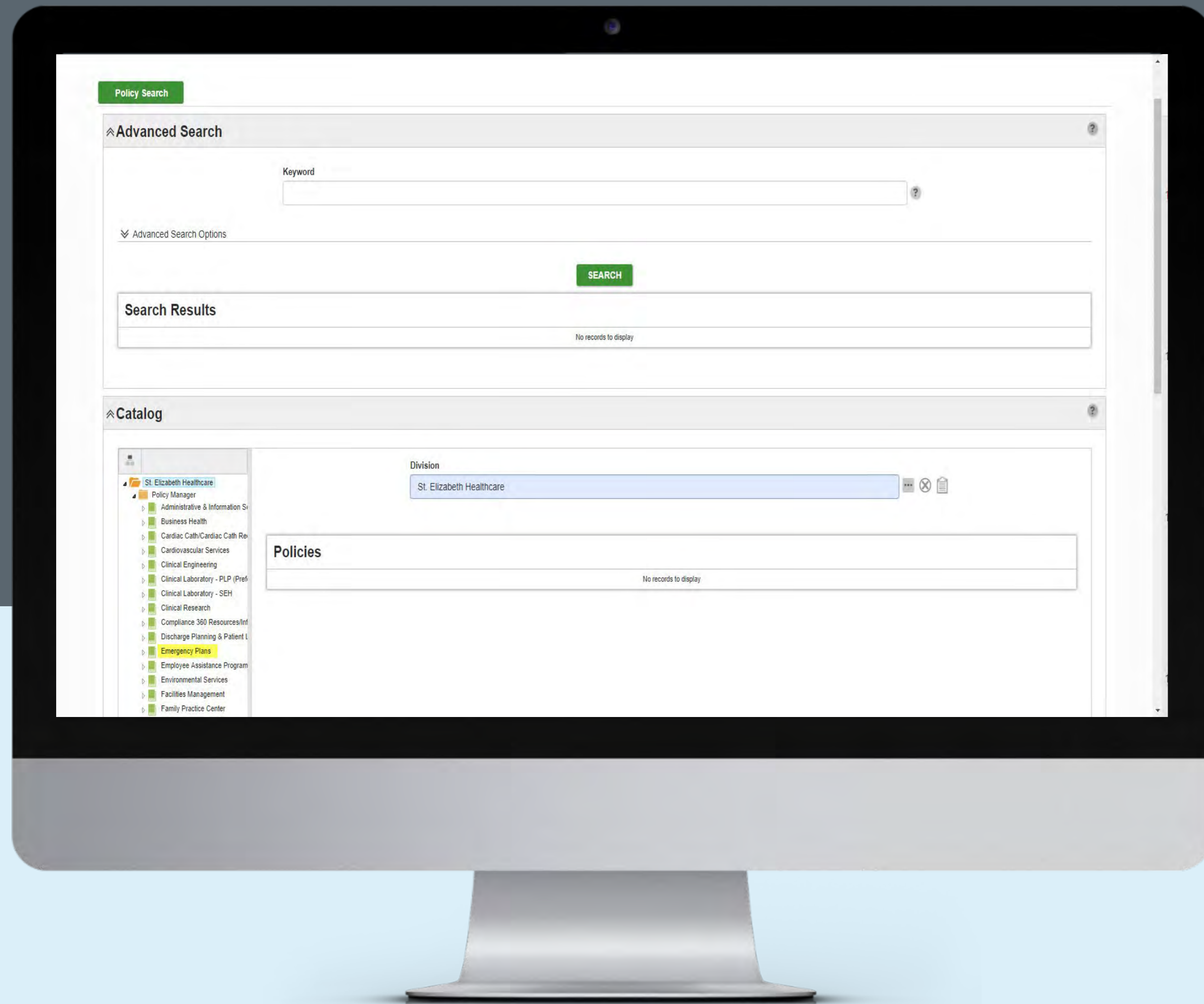
In the event of a fire is to shelter in place until given *all clear* signal.

Ordered Evacuation

Evacuation will be ordered if fire cannot be controlled, or patients, visitors, and associates are in immediate danger.

EMERGENCY PLANS

Know where the fire pulls and extinguishers are located.



Know

Know your department's emergency and evacuation plan before you need to use it.



Locate

Know where the fire pulls and extinguishers are located.

Emergency Plans are located on the **Compliance360**.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Also referred to as **Infectious waste**. *Costs more than 10x that of general waste.*

SDS Instructions

Review SDS for instructions on how to dispose of any chemical/chemical containers.

Still unclear?

If not clearly outlined on the SDS, contact your supervisor and/or Safety Officer to insure proper disposal.



Description

Biohazard symbol indicates item contains and/or is soiled with blood or body fluids.

Exposure

- ▶ Contact your supervisor and Employee Health immediately.
- ▶ Infection Control Manual is in **Compliance360** under *Infection Control Manuals*.

Universal Precautions | Blue bag

All soiled linens are handled with universal precautions.

- Patient linens
- All visibly soiled linen
 - blood
 - stool

Blood and Body Fluids | Red bag

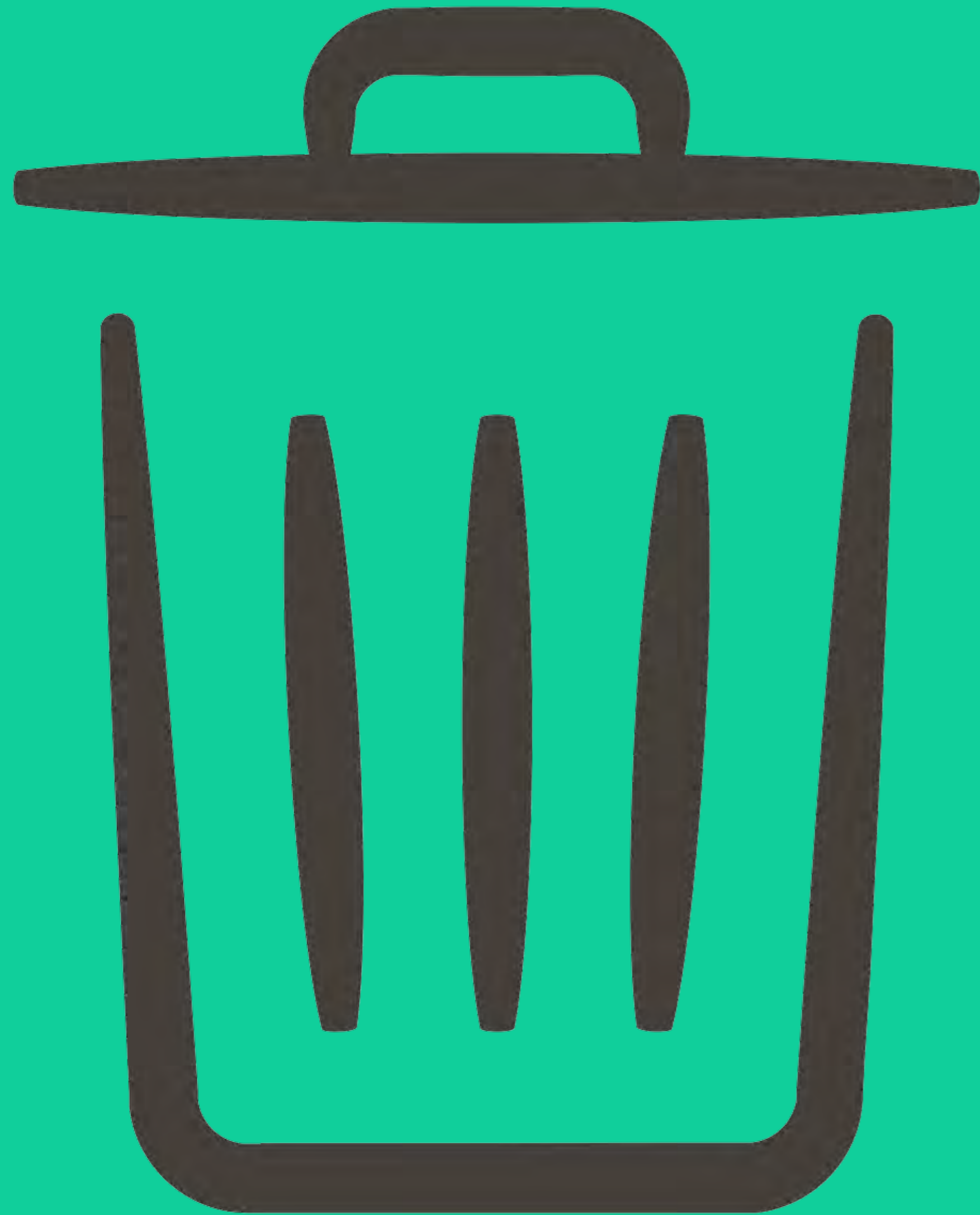
Saturated with blood/OPIM that may drip or release contents when held vertical, squeezed or compacted.

- Containers of blood/OPIM body fluids that cannot be safely emptied or are not designed to be emptied (*i.e. chest drainage systems*).
- Blood bags & tubing
- Dialysis waste containing blood/OPIM
- Unfixed human tissue or organs
- Laboratory biological waste

CHEMO Waste Only | Yellow bag

Yellow bags are used for CHEMO waste only.

- Gowns
- Gloves
- Googles
- Wipes
- Empty IVs & tubing
- Linen contaminated with CHEMO waste



GENERAL WASTE DISPOSAL

vs. BIOHAZARD

- ▶ Paper, plastic, glass
- ▶ Food
- ▶ Blue pads
- ▶ Items such as diapers containing urine, feces, gastric contents
- ▶ Sanitary napkins
- ▶ Emptied urinary drainage bags
- ▶ Vials of saline/sterile water
- ▶ Emptied and rinsed containers that held any body fluids

Waste Stream Management



Continuous



Rx



Controlled Substance

UTILITY FAILURE

Oxygen/Other Medical Gases

- ▶ Supplied from central locations/warehouse.
- ▶ Know where the shut offs are in your area.
 - ▽ Must not be blocked
 - ▽ Must be accessible
 - ▽ Usually near nurses station
 - ▽ It is the responsibility of the *Nurse Manager, Respiratory supervisor or designee* to see **shut off valve is turned off in a fire situation.**
- ▶ Contact Plant Engineering if failure occurs.

Oxygen Cylinder Safety

- ▶ Should be safely stored with valves closed, in a carrier or rack (**No more than 12 full cylinders in a smoke compartment**).
- ▶ Damaged tank can act like a rocket or missile
O2 cylinders on wheelchairs or stretchers are considered working stock.

O2 cylinders must be stored in racks, not lying on
- ▶ floor, beds or hanging from hook.

CLINICAL ENGINEERING LABELS

Clinical Engineering Department
QA/PM Inspection Completed
Expires: _____
If expired, contact Clinical Engineering

Scheduled QA/PM not required.

For service, contact Clinical Engineering

Items that are not inspected on a regular basis

Electrical Safety

Testing Passed

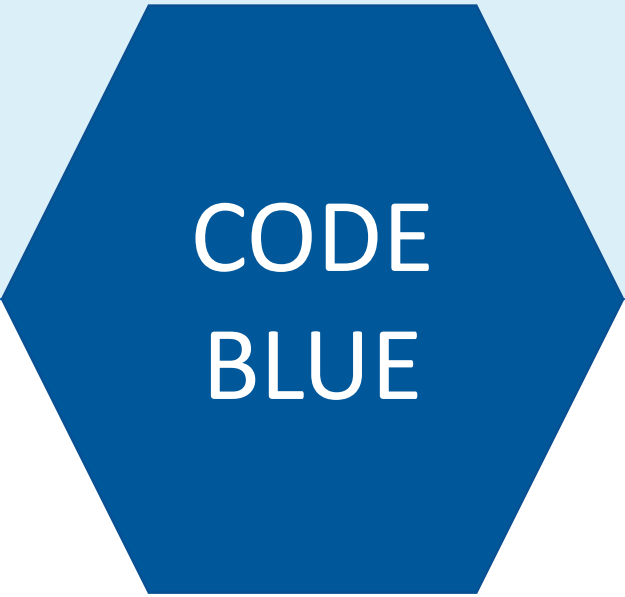
Indicates confirmation testing and should not be removed until the equipment has left the medical center.

If the date on the label is expired **discontinue use** and contact Clinical Engineering.

Maintains an inventory of all medical equipment.

Clinical Engineering confirms the operational & electrical safety of all medical equipment (demo, loaner, rental).

Emergency Codes



CODE
BLUE

Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest (Adult or child)

- ▶ Medical Emergency somewhere in the hospital.
- ▶ Dial 22222 - Activate the Code Blue button
- ▶ The location is sent via pager and phone msg. to the code team. **This code is not announced.**
- ▶ The Code management is addressed under **Clinical Skills** (formerly called **Mosby Skills**)- *Code Management*
- ▶ Assist the Code team
- ▶ In non-hospital sites call 911

Emergency Codes



CODE
RED

Code Red - An announcement that indicates a possible fire, smoke condition exist that requires IMMEDIATE ACTION

- ➡ Dial 22222 – Report a code red. The location is announced with the code
- ➡ When a fire alarm is activated, this signals the switchboard & the Fire Department dispatcher
- ➡ **Follow R. A. C. E.**
 - ➡ **R-Rescue, A-Alert, C-Contain (if possible), E-Extinguish, Evacuate or Escape**
- ➡ **Fire Extinguisher use P.A.S.S. –**
 - ➡ **P-Pull, A- Aim, S-Squeeze, S-Sweep**
- ➡ Elevators can be used at Edgewood if not in alarm. All other hospitals when cleared by the Fire Department.

Emergency Codes

CODE
PINK

Infant/Child Abduction

- ➡ St. Elizabeth has installed an infant alarm system to prevent infant abductions.
- ➡ Should a confirmed abduction occur, a “Code Pink” announcement will be made over the PA system.
- ➡ **During code pink, all available staff need to secure doors to exits and stairways and stay alert**
- ➡ Staff will follow the department plan as specified in their department section of the Disaster Plan.
- ➡ Non-Critical departments should have staff report any suspicious person/persons with infants/children or suspicious activity to Security immediately.



Baby is in
Pillowcase

Infant/Child abduction

**Call 22222
Immediately!**

Weather Emergency – Tornado Watch

**Tornado
Watch**

- National weather service or local TV station information indicates conditions in Kenton, Campbell, Boone or Grant County are capable of producing a tornado.
- Security will notify operator to make the announcement to activate the tornado watch. A computer screen will pop-up on all SEHC table computers with an alert to the weather condition.
- Monitor weather conditions for updates.
- Keep patients and visitors updated.
- Remain calm & alert for further information.

