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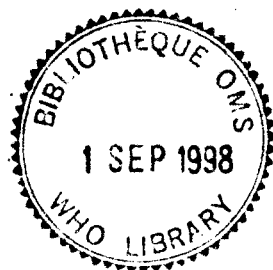
Management of wastes from health-care activities

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Preface

This *Teacher's Guide* compiles educational materials that can be used in training courses for health-care waste management. It is a compendium to the WHO publication *Management of wastes from health-care activities* (WHO, Geneva, 1999), which is a more comprehensive handbook. Both publications form a "set", which can be useful to handle this important public health issue in a practical manner. These are the first WHO publications providing global advice and guidance on the management of health-care waste. They build on the knowledge and experience gained in different WHO regions over the past years.

Management of health-care waste is an important public health issue since it involves major risks for the health of the people and the environment. WHO is, therefore, issuing this set of materials to provide operational tools for health care workers, environmental professionals, public health authorities, manufacturers of health care products as well as policy makers. This training guide compiles basic information on health-care waste, management principles, and provides tools for training using appropriate educational materials such as overhead transparencies, handouts, tables and figures.

The Health-care waste management set (Handbook + Teacher's Guide) aims to raise awareness on public health and environment, to provide information on sound management practices of health-care waste, to identify safe, efficient, sustainable, economic and culturally acceptable waste management practices and to enable managers of health-care establishments to develop their waste management plans.

This *Teacher's Guide* has been prepared as a practical response to the need for improved health-care waste management at local level and improved legislation, management and guidance at national and regional level. WHO will be pleased to see that this guide is used widely. Continuing efforts will be made to improve its content and structure. It would be appreciated if the users of this guide would provide feedback from its use and their own experiences. Please send us your comments and suggestions on the WHO *Teacher's Guide* on health-care waste management direct to the Division of Operational Support in Environmental Health, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland (Fax: +41 22-791 4127, e-mail: pruess@who.ch).

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