



Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

“Household Generated Sharps Management Plan”

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Introduction

As some states have approved regulation for the management of household-generated sharps waste during the past years, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company has prepared the following "Household Generated Sharps Management Plan" to support the safe collection and proper disposal of these waste sharps. Under various state-sanctioned regulations, pharmaceutical manufacturers that sell or distribute a medication that is self-administered through the use of hypodermic needles or other self-injectable devices have to prepare and/or submit to these states, or the state's responsible agency, a plan that describes how the manufacturer supports the safe collection and proper disposal of waste sharps.

These regulations require the manufacturer to post and maintain their plans on their respective websites. Currently two states, California and Minnesota, have issued pharmaceutical manufacturer requirements for Household Generated Sharps management. For California, the plan must be submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for posting, and also posted on Bristol-Myers Squibb Company website. The State of Minnesota only requires that the plan is posted on the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company website.

The "Household Generated Sharps Management Plan" and some related reference guidance are available at the following Internet websites:

- http://www.bms.com/ourcompany/compliance_ethics/Pages/default.aspx
- http://www.bms.com/sustainability/social_progress/our_communities/Pages/product_responsibility.aspx/

Additional sharps disposal guidance for all states is available at the following websites:

- <http://www.safeneedledisposal.org/>
- <https://www.epa.gov/rcra/community-options-safe-needle-disposal>

Elements of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company Plan

Safe Collection and Proper Disposal of the Waste Devices From Clinical Trials

Sharps waste generated by self-administration of an injectable drug occurs throughout the United States. Bristol-Myers Squibb Company has been conducting several clinical trials in various states, which involve subcutaneous injection of our pharmaceuticals. These clinical trials are administered by third parties at clinical investigative sites, located throughout California, Minnesota and elsewhere. In each of these trials, the patients may be provided injectable sharps to self-administer the medication in a home environment, and puncture-resistant containers for the safe collection of the used sharps. As an element of the clinical trial, patients are provided with instructions on the proper administration of the

medicine and are requested to return the used sharps materials to these investigative sites using the puncture-resistant containers. The investigative sites ultimately dispose of these sharps and containers in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements. These home-generated sharps materials are not expected to enter into the pertinent municipality trash cycle.

Safe Collection and Proper Disposal of the Waste Devices From Commercially Available Products

For household sharp waste generated by prescribed self-injectable drugs administered at home, customers are provided with reference guidance on how to handle the "household-generated" sharps. Recommended FDA handling and disposal is described in Appendix A of this document.

During 2011, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company initiated the commercial distribution of the product, ORENCIA® (abatacept) that is self-injected at home. Under the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company "Household Generated Sharps Management Plan", Bristol-Myers Squibb Company offers customers that utilize self-injectable sharps, guidance, instructions and/or recommendations on how to handle the used sharps and on how to properly dispose of these materials. A copy of this guidance can be obtained at http://packageinserts.bms.com/pi/pi_orencia.pdf

Patients prescribed ORENCIA for self-injection have the option to participate in a program for the safe disposal of needles at no cost to the customer. Participating patients are mailed an empty sharps container, as well as

return packing and postage for when the sharps container is full. This sharps container mail-back program is managed by a third-party but is fully funded by Bristol-Myers Squibb Company. Bristol-Myers Squibb Company has contracted the services of this third party service provider that will supply, ship and dispose of sharps in compliance with applicable regulations. Patients can register online at <http://www.orencia.bmscustomerconnect.com/orencia-on-call-patient-support#self-injection-services> or by phone at 1-800-ORENCIA.

ORENCIA self-injection patients can ask questions and request additional containers and return packaging by calling 1-800-ORENCIA.

Consumers Education on Safe Management and Collection Opportunities

The patients enrolled in applicable Bristol-Myers Squibb Company clinical trials involving self-injectables are provided with a puncture-resistant sharps container marked with the biohazard label for the safe collection of the used sharps. The patients are provided with written instructions on the proper use and disposal of the sharps container.

Commercially-supplied self-injectable products are packaged with Instructions for Use, which include information on the proper handling and basic disposal requirements for waste sharps. Links to these materials, including the ORENCIA website and Instructions for Use, are included in Appendix B.

In general, the guidance states that when disposing of sharps you should:

- Ask your state or local environmental agencies, or your healthcare provider for instructions on the right way to discard (dispose of) your used sharps and the sharps container. There may be state and local laws regulating the disposal of used sharps.
- Place used needles in a closeable, puncture-resistant container. Use a sharps container (such as a red biohazard container) or, when allowed by your local or state regulations, a hard plastic container (such as a detergent bottle labeled "Do Not Recycle").
- Do not throw the disposal container in the household trash unless it is allowed by your local or state regulations.

- For additional information you may contact the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at 800-643-1643 or www.safeneedledisposal.org.

Additional information on Waste Sharps Management and the guidance for the states of California and Minnesota can be found in Appendices C and D.

Efforts in Protecting Public Health and Safety Through the Safe Collection and Proper Disposal of Waste Devices

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company continues to evaluate employing safe needle technologies, such as retractable needles and blunting media in future products. Such technologies/approaches aim to further reduce the potential for accidental needlesticks.

Guidance links on sharps management are listed in Appendix C. The current guides for the states of California and Minnesota are listed in Appendix D. Additional collection and disposal information may be obtained at most pharmacies and at state environmental agency websites.

Appendix A:

Handling and Disposal of Household Sharps

Always follow the local regulations regarding disposal of Household Generated Sharps. The following website provides access to state-by-state requirements:

<http://www.safeneedledisposal.org/>

FDA Guidance from the following web site:

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/HomeHealthandConsumer/ConsumerProducts/Sharps/default.htm>

Needles and Other Sharps (Safe Disposal Outside of Health Care Settings)

The above web page gives tips for safely disposing (getting rid of) needles and other sharps devices that are used outside of health care settings. Patients and caregivers should keep these tips in mind when at home, at work, and while traveling.

What are Sharps?

"Sharps" is a medical term for devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin.



Examples of sharps include:

- **Needles** – hollow needles used to inject drugs (medication) under the skin.
- **Syringes** – devices used to inject medication into or withdraw fluid from the body.
- **Lancets**, also called "fingerstick" devices – instruments with a short, two-edged blade used to get drops of blood for testing. Lancets are commonly used in the treatment of diabetes.
- **Autoinjectors**, including epinephrine and insulin pens – syringes prefilled with fluid medication designed to be self-injected into the body
- **Infusion sets** – tubing systems with a needle used to deliver drugs to the body.
- **Connection needles/sets** – needles that connect to a tube used to transfer fluids in and out of the body. This is generally used for patients on home hemodialysis.

Sharps may be used at home, at work, and while traveling to manage the medical conditions of people or their pets. These medical conditions include allergies, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, infertility, migraines, multiple sclerosis, osteoporosis, blood clotting disorders, and psoriasis.

There are about 9 million Americans who use needles or other sharps to manage their medical conditions at home. This amounts to more than 3 billion used needles and other sharps that must be disposed of outside health care settings each year.

Importance of Safe Sharps Disposal

Used needles and other sharps are dangerous to people and pets if not disposed of safely because they can injure people and spread infections that cause serious health conditions. The most common infections are:

- Hepatitis B (HBV),
- Hepatitis C (HCV), and
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Safe sharps disposal is important whether you are at home, at work, at school, traveling, or in other public places such as hotels, parks, and restaurants.

Never place loose needles and other sharps (those that are not placed in a sharps disposal container) in the household or public trash cans or recycling bins, and never flush them down the toilet. This puts trash and sewage workers, janitors, housekeepers, household members, and children at risk of being harmed.

Pet owners who use needles to give medicine to their pets should follow the same sharps disposal guidelines used for humans.

What to Do If You Are Accidentally Stuck By a Used Needle or Other Sharp

If you are accidentally stuck by another person's used needle or other sharp:

1. Wash the exposed area right away with water and soap or use a skin disinfectant (antiseptic) such as rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer.
2. Seek immediate medical attention by calling your physician or local hospital.

Follow these same instructions if you get blood or other bodily fluids in your eyes, nose, mouth, or on your skin. For more information on viruses and needle-stick prevention, visit the **Occupational Safety and Health Administration's website** at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/index.html>

Appendix B

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company Products Website Link

ORENCIA® (abatacept) website:

<http://www.orencia.com/>

ORENCIA® (abatacept): Optional Used Sharps Disposal Program:

<http://www.orencia.bmscustomerconnect.com/orencia-on-call-patient-support#self-injection-services>

ORENCIA® (abatacept): Instructions For Use for patients:

http://packageinserts.bms.com/ifu/ifu_orencia.pdf

Appendix C

Additional Guidance Links for Sharps Management

<https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/links-hazardous-waste-programs-and-us-state-environmental-agencies>

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/stopsticks/sharpsdisposal.html>

<http://www.bd.com/us/diabetes/page.aspx?cat=7002&id=10284>

<http://www.fda.gov/medicaldevices/productsandmedicalprocedures/homehealthandconsumer/consumerproducts/sharps/>

<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/nonhaz/industrial/medical/disposal.htm>

Appendix D

California and Minnesota Links on Sharps Disposal

The State of California has published guidance documents on sharps management and disposal at the following website:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/homehazwaste/sharps/>

"A Guide to Syringe Disposal"

English version:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/HomeHazWaste/sharps/Brochure.pdf>

Spanish version:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/HomeHazWaste/sharps/BrochureSpan.pdf>

The State of Minnesota has published guidance documents on sharps management and disposal at the following web page:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/living-green/living-green-citizen/household-hazardous-waste/safe-disposal-options-for-needles-and-syringes.html> .