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Pipettes

Recently we were confronted with an incident with our cleaning staff caused by a contaminated disposable pipette in the waste bin. Since these (sharp) pipettes form a threat for our cleaning staff, these (culture) pipettes have to be disposed of via the blue (or green) bins for specific hospital waste. We would like to ask you to forward this to all laboratory staff to prevent this from happening in the future.

Grey boxes

In the grey boxes for glass waste and empty chemical packaging boxes we still find waste that does not belong there, e.g. pipets and syringes. Please remember that these waste categories have to be disposed of via the blue or green bins for specific hospital waste. The grey boxes are only meant for glass (uncontaminated), empty packaging from chemicals (glass, plastic or metal with a danger symbol) intact and closed with original cap. Chemical packaging always has to be scanned (GROS) before disposal in the grey boxes. *For more information please consult the waste substances poster in your lab or the [waste tool](#) on My-UM.*

Blue and green bins

In due time the material of the blue and green bins will be replaced by bins that provide more resistance to chemicals.

Separation of waste

In January 2016 UM started placing waste bins at several places where you can eat; The Bakery Uns30, Mensa Uns40 and Fast Forward (FFWD) at Link Uns50. The next phase of handling waste is to centralize the collection of waste instead of collecting it in the offices. An announcement regarding the separation of waste is to be expected in January 2017.

Knives and needles

The Arbo Committee UM Randwyck has decided on a regulation regarding the use of safe needles and knives. All needles in use for educational- or research purposes related to humans shall be replaced by the prescribed health care safe-needle system. Recapping of needles will be forbidden in order to prevent pricks.

All glassware must be checked regularly in order to select broken fragments for removal or repair. The cryostats and microtomes must have a safety cap.

Scalpel replacements should be avoided. The use of disposables or the use of click smart systems is recommended.

Reconstructions

The Mensa and Trefcentrum will be refurbished spring 2017.

Uns50, fifth floor, zone K will be under reconstruction starting October until February 2017.

Website

Since March 2016 the [ResearchOffice](#) has a new website. Click on the link to visit this page.