

**Table 3 Waste-workers' actual practices in dealing with medical waste in government and private hospitals**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Government hospitals (n = 5)</b>	<b>Private hospitals (n = 12)</b>
Workers sort medical waste during collection	0.0	16.7
Workers separate sharp waste is from blunt waste	20.0	50.0
Workers fill sacks with medical waste to two-thirds or less	0.0	8.3
Workers move medical waste using trolleys	60.0	25.0
Workers clean waste trolleys directly after each collection	0.0	8.3
Workers use personal protection tools	20.0	33.3
Workers are using special plastic bags once for collecting medical waste	0.0	8.3
Workers collect liquid waste in bags that prevent leakage	0.0	8.3
Workers collect blood waste in separate bags that prevent leakage	0.0	16.7
Workers collect human tissue remains in separate bags that prevent leakage	0.0	25.0
Workers collect liquid wastes together with other wastes	20.0	50.0
Workers collect blood waste together with other waste in ordinary bags	100.0	83.3
Workers collect human tissue remains together with other wastes in ordinary bags	100.0	75.0
Workers collect expired medicines together with other wastes	100.0	41.7
Workers dispose of liquid waste directly into sewage system without any processing (dilution and/or sterilization)	20.0	50.0
Workers dispose of liquid waste into sewage system after processing	60.0	25.0
Hospital sends expired medicines back to the importer	0.0	58.3
Hospital has furnaces for internal destruction of medical waste	0.0	0.0
Hospital visitors are exposed to medical waste	80.0	75.0
Workers gather medical wastes in open areas within the hospital for temporary storage before being transferred outside hospitals	100.0	83.3
Hospital has standard stores for temporary storage of medical wastes	0.0	8.3
Hospital depends on city cleaning authorities in moving and disposing medical wastes outside hospitals	100.0	83.3
Hospital moves and disposes of medical wastes outside hospital using own vehicles	0.0	8.3

*n* = number of hospitals.