

# Implementation of Controls

## Engineering Controls

### Sharps Containers

Always place sharps in the proper sharps containers! These containers should be:

- Made out of hard plastic
- Designed for the storage of used sharps
- Labeled with the Universal Biohazard Symbol
- Replaced when the contents reach the fill line on the container or when approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  full



### Mechanical Pipettes

You use mechanical pipettes for transferring human blood or body fluids. **Mouth pipetting is strictly prohibited!**



### Needleless System

A needleless system is defined as a “non-needle sharp or a needle with a built-in safety feature or mechanism effectively reducing the risk of a percutaneous exposure incident.” Percutaneous means, “administered, removed, or absorbed by way of skin, as an injection, needle biopsy, or transdermal drug.”



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## Administrative and Workplace Controls

### Work Areas

Must be:

- Cleaned and decontaminated with an appropriate disinfectant daily (after work has concluded) and immediately after contamination with blood or OPIM.
- Labeled with a Universal Biohazard Symbol if used for storage or processing of human blood or OPIM



### Hand Washing

Wash your hands as soon as possible in the following situations:

- After removal of gloves or other PPE
- After any contact with human blood or OPIM
- Before leaving your work area



If liquid soap and water are not immediately available for handwashing, use antiseptic paper towels or an antiseptic hand lotion until a handwashing sink can be found.