**COSE Biological Waste Flow Chart**

**November 2013**

**Solids & Dry Lab Waste**
- Cell Cultures and Bacterial Waste, Cells, Cultures, Gels, Petri Dishes, Eggs, freeze-dried bacteria or fungi
- Contaminated Debris: Gloves, Paper Towels, Tips, Liners

**Liquids & Wet Lab Waste**
- Liquid Cell Cultures, Liquid Bacterial Wastes

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**Pathology Lab Waste**
- Animal tissues and blood, human tissues, cadavers, and human blood or blood products

**Chemical Waste**
- Associated with preserved tissue and mostly chemical waste with some biological contamination

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**Sharps**
- Syringes, scalpels, needles. All sharps with biologicals - whether infectious or not.

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Use this **BLUE Biowaste Tag** to label biological wastes with generator information, contents, and date.

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*DO NOT USE GREEN chemical waste tag.* For most biological wastes, chemical contamination of biological wastes aren't "hazardous" waste per EH&S

*CHEMICAL ONLY sharps with NO BIOLOGICAL materials go in SHARPS containers that are not red.* Preservatives poured off from preserved specimens are collected and disposed of as Hazardous Waste. Attach **GREEN** chemical waste tag and also when chemical hazard outweighs biological hazard.