

Table 2 Waste-workers' knowledge about dealing with medical waste in government and private hospitals

Item	Government hospitals (<i>n</i> = 87)	Private hospitals (<i>n</i> = 124)
	%	%
Able to identify nature of medical waste	11.5	45.9
Identifies need to sort medical waste during collection	19.5	61.3
Know reasons behind sorting medical wastes	11.5	44.4
Know adequate quantities for packing medical waste	0.0	25.0
Aware of risks in dealing with medical wastes	68.9	70.9
Knows adequate disposal procedures of liquid waste	12.6	37.1
Knows adequate disposal procedures of expired blood units and by-products waste	7.0	8.8
Knows adequate disposal procedures of human tissue remains	4.5	6.5
Knows adequate disposal procedures of expired medicines	4.0	0.0
Believes throwing blood waste in domestic waste is an adequate disposal procedure	69.0	65.3
Believes throwing of human tissue remains in domestic waste is an adequate disposal procedure	43.7	13.7
Believes throwing expired medicines in domestic waste is an adequate disposal procedure	39.5	65.5

n = number of waste workers interviewed.