Overall, % Private hospitals Public hospitals P* (Fisher's exact (n = 10) (n = 7), % (n = 3), % test)

HWM supervisors' awareness about HWM 2005 Rules 60.0 57.1 66.7 1.00

30.0

28.6

33.3

1.00

1.00

1.00

Presence of formal HWM team70.071.466.7Presence of written HWM procedures20.028.60.0Record maintenance of hospital waste produced10.014.30.0

Table 2 Study findings related to HWM policies

Existence of HWM plan

Record maintenance of hospital waste produced 10.0 14.3 0.0 1.00

Presence of dedicated HWM budget 40.0 28.6 66.7 0.50

Documentation of HWM related tasks in job descriptions 20.0 28.7 0.0 1.00

*Even though caution should be used to interpret the P values due to small sample size, the nonsignificant 2-sided Fisher's exact test P values for HWM policy-related variables indicate that nonadherence to HWM 2005 rules is statistically similar in both public and private teaching hospitals of Peshawar District.

HWM = hospital waste management.