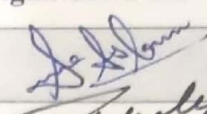
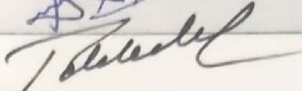


## MAYO HOSPITAL, LAHORE

<b><u>STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE</u></b> <b>PREVENTION OF SHARPS CONTAINING SPILLAGE</b>		SOP No.	MHL/IPC/007
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**Purpose:**

To describe the procedure for prevention of sharps containing spillage

**Scope:**

It is applicable in the wards of hospital

**Responsibility:**

Nursing staff

**Procedure:**

- Nominate a member of staff to keep the public well clear of the area.
- If possible exclude the public from the area until the hazard has been removed.
- Do not touch any needles or syringes.
- Call a suitably trained member of staff to deal with the spillage.
- Put on strong, protective gloves, overalls, stout shoes, and, if necessary goggles which are located the unit.
- Use a pair of tongs or forceps to return the used equipment to a sharps container. These items are located in the unit.
- Clear away the equipment as quickly and safely as possible.
- Check the area thoroughly for loose sharps.
- Return sharps container to its storage place.
- Clean the affected area thoroughly with a disinfectant.
- Remove gloves, overalls and shoes and return to their storage place.

**Loose Sharps**

- **NEVER** attempt to re-sheath a needle – this is the most common cause of needle stick injuries.
- If a needle or syringe is left on the counter or accidentally dropped, do not touch it or attempt to move it.
- Keep the public well away from the area.
- The pharmacist or trained member of staff should deal with the needle.