

## ABSTRACT

Some aspects of solid wastes management in health care and related support service facilities in Kingston and Spanish Town, Jamaica

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The proper management of Solid Wastes is critical to the prevention of disease and the maintenance of the integrity of the environment. Indiscriminate disposal of hazardous wastes and the dire effects of this on human health causes much concern to health authorities worldwide. In spite of the foregoing however, scant attention is apparently being paid to the management of solid wastes generated from care of the sick. This solid waste, which has immediate potential for disease transmission is not even mentioned among those categorised as hazardous. It is estimated that thirty three percent of the waste from health care delivery operations is infectious and is therefore hazardous to health. This waste is poorly managed at best, and indiscriminately disposed of at the worst. This study examines the management of solid wastes at health care and related support service facilities in Kingston and in Spanish Town, Jamaica. The findings reveal a high potential for diseases transmission from this waste to