

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Metro North Hospital and Health Service *Putting people first*



Guideline for the donation of expired clinical consumables to wildlife organisations for wildlife affected by bushfires

PLEASE NOTE: - this list has been validated by Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (including Biosecurity Queensland and Veterinary Surgeons Board).

Supplies approved for donation:

- 500mL & 1000mL bottles of water & normal saline (not for IV use, topical only)
- subcutaneous needles for IV fluids
- IV fluid giving sets
- syringes 1-60mL
- surgical gloves
- kidney dishes & plastic pots
- plastic drapes
- cotton blue towels
- various dressings (non-impregnated)
- bandages
- bluies & pinkies

Not to be donated – medication or medicated items if expired (these items must be disposed of as per usual processes) e.g.

- chlorhexidine, cetrimide, betadine and other topical solutions
- IV fluids (including Hartmanns & normal saline)
- silver sulfadiazine cream or equivalent
- Chlorsig ointments or equivalent
- Medications (neither for oral, IV and/or topical use)
- Medicated dressings

PLEASE NOTE: donation of clinical consumables is **not** to include items that are still suitable for clinical use, i.e. unopened and in-date items. Should there be items not listed that are requested for donation (and are not medication or medicated products) the approval of these items for donation is at the discretion of the relevant Executive Director.

All items donated are for the explicit use of **wildlife** organisation providing a response to the bushfires and are not for the use in general practice, for domesticated animals, research etc.

Prior to provision of donated goods to the wildlife organisation, the organisation must sign a 'Release from Liability' accompanying this guideline. The signed form is to be returned to the Executive Director and a copy sent to MN-EmergencyManagement@health.qld.gov.au.

Only items that are requested (and meet the above requirements) should be donated to minimise the management of unwanted items.

Please contact MN-EmergencyManagement@health.qld.gov.au or your relevant Executive Director if further clarification is required.