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### SOS DONATION GUIDELINES

Thank you for considering a donation to Supplies Over Seas of surplus medical dry supplies or equipment. SOS and its donors must be careful to only donate items that are both usable and needed. SOS meets high product standards for our medical surplus donations to hospitals and clinics around the world. The items that we send to needy recipients must be in good working order and acceptable to patients regardless of economic status.

**Call First**

To ensure your donation is one that SOS will be able to accept, please call SOS before bringing any donation to the SOS Warehouse. It is very helpful to send via email a list of the items you want to donate so that the SOS staff can review the donation.

**Deliver Donation to SOS versus Pick Up**

If needed, SOS can pick up donations at a place of business. For security and insurance reasons, SOS staff and volunteers are not able to pick up at private home locations.

**Expired Items**

SOS accepts expired materials. SOS volunteers re-process expired items so that they can be shipped, hand carried or used by our nursing and medical schools for educational purposes.

**Unable to Accept as a Donation**

SOS is unable to accept as a donation the following: IV Fluids or Liquids; Liquid Nutrition; Pharmaceuticals; Hazardous Materials - expired or in-date and No items exposed to pathogens.

**Disposable Supplies/Products** (dressings, diabetic supplies, ostomy supplies, syringes, et cetera)

Donations of medical dry supplies must NOT have had direct patient contact and have not been recalled by the FDA or any other U.S. agency, safety organization or corporation. Donations should be in good working condition. Cosmetic damaging to outer box and/or packaging IS acceptable.

**Durable Goods** (e.g. wheelchairs, crutches, canes, et cetera)

Donations of durable goods should be new or gently used; in good working order; have all parts and accessories included; have all manuals (if applicable) and have not been recalled by the FDA or any other U.S. agency, safety organization or corporation.

**Biomedical Equipment** (BiPAP, CPAP, Centrifuge, Cautery Machine, Scales, et cetera)

Donations of biomedical equipment should be in good working order; have all parts and accessories included; have all manuals (if applicable) and have not been recalled by the FDA or any other U.S. agency, safety organization or corporation*.*

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## **DRY SUPPLIES**

This list is to be used as a guide on the types of medical dry supply donations that SOS accepts.

**Please note: Expired Medical Supplies are accepted**.

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|  | *Supply Category* | *Items that may be included in category* |
| [ ]  | Anesthesia  | Airways, arterial catheterization supplies, block trays, breathing circuits, endotracheal tubes |
| [ ]  | Bovie | Cautery pencils w/ holsters, bipolar forceps, patient return electrodes, tips, tip cleaning pads |
| [ ]  | Cardiovascular | Cardiac catheterization supplies, chest drains, defib pads, electrodes, embolectomy catheters, open heart pump supplies, paracentesis/thoracentesis sets, thoracic catheters, vessel loops |
| [ ]  | Clothing | Disposable surgical & isolation gowns, caps, eyewear, masks, shoe covers |
| [ ]  | Dental | Cotton rolls, denture cups, instruments, toothbrush, toothpaste |
| [ ]  | Diabetic | Glucometers & test strips, lancets |
| [ ]  | Dialysis | A.V. fistula needles, cycler sets, integrated A.P.D. sets |
| [ ]  | Drapes (Medical) | Sterile and non-sterile drapes, table covers, surgical towels |
| [ ]  | Dressing (Medical) | Abdominal pads, Ace bandages, Band-Aids, burn dressings, Cobans, cotton balls, dressings change trays, foam dressings, Kerlix, lap sponges, lubricating jelly, petrolatum gauze, non-adherent dressings (Telfa), radiopaque sponges, 2x2” and 4x4” sterile and non-sterile gauze, Steri-strips, tape, transparent dressings (Tegaderm), tubular net dressings, wound packing |
| [ ]  | Endoscopy, laparoscopy, & staplers | Clip appliers, endoscopic and linear staplers, endoscopic and linear cutters, endosutures, insufflation tubing, reloads, skin staplers, trocars |
| [ ]  | Ear, nose, and throat (ENT)  | Cotton–tipped applicators, ear dressings, ear tubes, ENT surgery packs, nasal dressings, nasal specula, otoscope tips, tongue depressors, tonsil sponges |
| [ ]  | Eye (Ophthalmology) | Eye needles, eye blades, eye dressings, eye syringes, drapes for eye surgery, eye sutures, iris forceps |
| [ ]  | General Surgery | Biopsy needles and punches, central line trays, guide wires, laceration trays, light handle covers, medical adhesive, needle counters, skin/tissue markers, surgical trays, wound drainage devices |
| [ ]  | Gloves | Gloves used for surgery and examination |
| [ ]  | Incontinence | Adult and infant briefs and diapers, chux |
| [ ]  | Intravenous (IV) | Intravenous sets and tubing, angiocatheters, cannulas, catheter stabilization devices, start kits |
| [ ]  | Instruments(Medical) | Clamps, forceps, scalpels, scissors, needle holders, stethoscopes, thermometers |
| [ ]  | Laboratory  | Blood collection sets, slides, specimen containers |
| [ ]  | Needles | All sizes |
| [ ]  | Neurology  | Drainage systems, nerve stimulators, neuro hooks, neuro sponges, scalp clips, skull pins |
| [ ]  | Nutrition | Feeding tubes, enteral gravity and pump feeding sets, enteral feeding syringes |
| [ ]  | OB/GYN  | Abdominal binders; aspirators; baby blankets, bottles, caps, powder, wipes; delivery kits; enema bags; heel warmers & lancets; KY jelly; mesh brief; perineal cold packs, perineal & vaginal irrigation supplies; perineal pads; vaginal specula; TED anti-embolism stockings; ultrasound gel; umbilical cord clamps and tape; vacuum curettes; vaginal packing |
| [ ]  | Orthopedic  | Braces, slings, splints, casting supplies, stockinettes, orthopedic instruments |
| [ ]  | Ostomy | Adhesive, base plates, irrigation sets, ostomy pouches, skin barriers, night drainage containers, belts, lubricating deodorant |
| [ ]  | Oxygen | Ambu bags, nasal cannulas, oxygen masks, oxygen tubing, nebulizers and nebulizer supplies |
| [ ]  | Plastic Containers | Basins, bed pans, emesis trays, measuring cups, pitchers, plastic trays, sharps containers, urinals |
| [ ]  | Skin Prep | Povidone iodine and Chloroprep bottles, prep trays, sponges; alcohol prep pads; shavers |
| [ ]  | Sterilizer Supplies | Sterilization packs, tubing, wrap, and tape |
| [ ]  | Suction | Suction catheters; suction handles, tubing, canisters |
| [ ]  | Suture | Assorted suture, needles for suture, suture removal trays; suture bags |
| [ ]  | Syringes | All sizes |
| [ ]  | Trach Supplies | Tracheostomy masks and tubes; trach clean & care kits; cricothyrotomy kits |
| [ ]  | Urology | Coude, Foley catheters, external, and straight catheters; catheter insertion kits; fecal incontinence collection; irrigation sets; Toomey syringes; urinary drainage bags & meters |

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### Medical Equipment

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| [ ]  | aspirators (suction machines) | [ ]  | lab analysis systems |  |  |
| [ ]  | beds (manual and electric) | [ ]  | med carts |  |  |
| [ ]  | bedside tables | [ ]  | medical storage cabinets |  |  |
| [ ]  | BiPAPs and CPAPs | [ ]  | medical storage cabinets |  |  |
| [ ]  | centrifuges | [ ]  | over-the-bed tables |  |  |
| [ ]  | chairs (waiting room, doctor, patient) | [ ]  | pediatric immobilizing units |  |  |
| [ ]  | computers | [ ]  | pediatric tent systems |  |  |
| [ ]  | crutches, canes | [ ]  | physical therapy devices |  |  |
| [ ]  | cautery machines | [ ]  | plastic toilet chairs |  |  |
| [ ]  | defibrillators | [ ]  | pulse oximeters |  |  |
| [ ]  | ECGs, EKGs (heart) | [ ]  | refrigerators |  |  |
| [ ]  | EEGs (brain) or EMGs (muscle) | [ ]  | sigmoidoscopes |  |  |
| [ ]  | exam lights (light sources & lamps) | [ ]  | shower chairs for disabled |  |  |
| [ ]  | exam tables | [ ]  | sphygmomanometers (BP) |  |  |
| [ ]  | feeding pumps | [ ]  | surgery tables |  |  |
| [ ]  | fetal monitors | [ ]  | vision test machines |  |  |
| [ ]  | filing cabinets | [ ]  | vital signs monitors |  |  |
| [ ]  | fracture tables | [ ]  | walkers |  |  |
| [ ]  | gauges (for oxygen tanks) | [ ]  | weight scales (adult & infant) |  |  |
| [ ]  | gurneys (stretchers) | [ ]  | wheelchairs |  |  |
| [ ]  | hearing test machines | [ ]  | x-ray machines |  |  |
| [ ]  | I.V. poles | [ ]  | x-ray viewers |  |  |
| [ ]  | I.V. pumps |  |  |  |  |

**Unable to Accept**

**![MC900303675[1]]() IV Fluids or Liquids Liquid Nutrition Pharmaceuticals**

 **![MC900303675[1]]() Hazardous Materials - expired or in-date**

**No items exposed to pathogens**

**Please Call First** - To ensure your donation is appropriate, please call SOS. Emailing a list (word or excel format is fine) of potential donations will help us vet your donation in a timely fashion.