ABSTRACT

MANAGEMENT OF MEDICAL SOLID WASTE AT* BATARA SIANG *HOSPITAL OF* PANGKEP *REGENCY

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Hospital waste must be managed properly and correctly. Hospital waste management is essential for hospital management or hospital owners because it is an important issue for environmental safety and plays an important role in improving the quality of service and hospital image. This study aims to find out and analyze the management of medical solid waste at Batara Siang *Hospital,* Pangkep *Regency, following the Minister of Health Regulation No. 18 of 2020. This research applied a qualitative method with a descriptive approach, involving in-depth interviews, observation, and documentation as data collection techniques.*

The results of the study show that the process of managing medical solid waste internally begins with the process of reduction and sorting, which is separated directly from the source of waste production. The transportation and storage process is carried out by waste transport officers (cleaning officers) and stored in temporary storage of medical solid waste. Internal treatment of medical solid waste is not carried out because the incinerator is in a damaged condition. The process of managing medical solid waste externally is carried out by a third party, starting from transportation in the hospital's B3 waste temporary storage to the processing and hoarding/destruction stage at the third party's final disposal site. The strategy for managing medical solid waste at Batara Siang *Hospital,* Pangkep *Regency, is to provide a budget for incinerator repairs and a training budget for waste management officers to obtain certification in B3 waste management competencies, and the addition of competent waste management human resources (HR).*

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