

Clinical Waste, Environment and Care Giving Pitted against Botswana's Vision 2016: Eclectic Data Sources

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ABSTRACT It is timely that clinical waste phenomenon and its environmental impact attracts local, national and international debate so that it can be addressed by policy makers and international communities. This will shed hope that its undesirable impacts to care giving will be addressed. The aim of this article is to discuss and explore pertinent and critical literature pertaining to clinical waste and its relationship to the environment, pitting the literature to Botswana's Vision 2016. The article has used eclectic data sources. Key ideas in the literature indicate that clinical waste handling and disposal affect the quality of care, has a perfidious impact to the environment, and make care giving process a dreadful occupational process. The literature recommends: Instituting policies to compensate informal caregivers against occupational hazards; instituting robust environmental education in communities; strengthening policies and penalties on environmental pollution; and instituting an incentive structure to the informal caregivers.