

# Medication Take- Back Program

*Progress at a CHC*



# Staff Education

Guides, Printable Resources, and  
Take Away Bags.

**Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic**  
Patient Medication Disposal Guide

No medications will be accepted for return which were issued directly to or for a specific patient, nor will medications be accepted for return from any patient unless required by FDA recall, or other reason specifically approved by the pharmacist in charge.

Patients may be instructed in the use of **Take Away Medication Disposal Spillproof** bags if available.

Controlled substances 2-5 may be disposed of using **Take Away bags**. Each patient should attach the patient's ID, their agent's name to the bag, and we will observe or locate the agent, and the recipient's name on the bag. **Take Away bags may not be placed in chemotherapy mail.**

Patients may be given printable information from the FDA regarding recommended methods to dispose of medications.

Spanish: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/Consumers/Consumers/medicationdisposal.pdf>  
English: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/Consumers/Consumers/medicationdisposal.pdf>

**When the patient has agreed to a witnessed destruction of their controlled substance prescription:**

- The **PATIENT** must perform the destruction.
- The medication must be rendered **Irretrievable**.
  - May be deposited in a non-site **DEA approved collection box**.
  - If it is not available to the patient, will be responsible for destruction at their own medical office.
- Document in the EHR:
  - Provider's determination that patient should destroy the listing prescription.
  - Whether medications deposited in a non-site **DEA approved collection box**.
  - Witnessed if applicable.

**Do NOT discard medications in the hazardous sharps containers**

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## Patient Resources

Take Away Medication Recovery  
System®  
Bags



# Patient Education

Printable do-it-yourself medication disposal guides from the FDA.

- Spanish:  
<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ConsumerUpdatesEnEspanol/ucm162971.htm>



- English:  
<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/UCM449824.pdf>

# *Motivation:*

- o Providers wish to decrease circulation of unused controlled substances by assuring that they are irretrievable before the patient receives a prescription for more.
- o Desire to provide a community service that is currently not available in areas that our clinics serve.
- o Public and interdepartmental relations

# *Reservations:*

- o Fear of being overwhelmed by the volume of meds due to being the only sites available in the region.
- o Extra work and meticulous record-keeping in an already hectic environment.
- o Expense

# *Our Plan:*

- o Run a pilot at one clinic site that has a high-volume pharmacy with a motivated pharmacy manager.
- o Get approval for further \$\$\$ from corporate administration and buy-in from pharmacy & clinic managers based on the results.
- o Consider expanding this to our qualifying Oregon sites as well.

# Policy & Procedure

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Yavapai Valley  
Form Workers (IAA)  
09/17/2015

Disposal of Pharmaceutical/Controlled Substances

<b>Approval/Implementation Date:</b> 09/25/2015		<b>Rev. 0</b>
<b>Renewal Term:</b> 1 year		<b>Next Review On Date:</b> 09/30/2016
<b>Drafter:</b> Corporate Pharmacy Director	<b>Approval Party:</b> Senior Director Pharmacy Operations; Chief Medical Officer	

**Title: Disposal of Pharmaceutical Controlled Substances**

**Purpose**  
YVFWC will establish a plan for operating a state-approved pharmaceutical take-back program, which will also accommodate the disposal of unwanted or unused controlled substances.

**Scope**  
All Clinical Staff and Practitioners

**Key Concepts and Terms**  
**Clinical Staff:** anyone who is not classified as a Practitioner (i.e., Medical Assistants).  
**Collector:** an approved DEA registrant that applies with the DEA to collect controlled substances from ultimate users.  
**Controlled Substances:** A medication or substance as defined by the Federal Medication Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, Title 21, USC, Section 801 et seq. Any medication or substance listed as a scheduled drug in the Controlled Substances Act; CFR Title 21, Section 812; "Schedules of Controlled Substances"; Any drug bearing the designation of class CII, CIII, CIV or CV as determined the Drug Enforcement Agency.  
**DEA:** The Drug Enforcement Administration is the agency within the United States Department of Justice responsible for enforcement of all Federal Regulations pertaining to controlled substances.  
**Medication/Drug Medication:** A drug or medicinal substance regulated by the FDA and used to treat a medical condition or disease. Any substance recognized in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, (USP). Any substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or other animals.  
**Non-Registrant:** Persons not registered with the DEA; not having a DEA license.  
**Non-Controlled Substance:** A medication or substance that is not listed as a scheduled drug in the Controlled Substances Act; CFR Title 21, Section 812, "Schedules of Controlled Substances"  
**Practitioner:** A physician; a physician assistant; a dentist; a registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse; pharmacist; and licensed nursing midwives.  
**Schedule CII-CV:** Within the class of prescription-only medications, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have five designated sub-classes. Classification decisions are required to be made on criteria including potential for abuse. CII are most likely to have abuse potential, while CVs are least likely to have abuse potential. When no class is signified, the medication is not considered to have abuse potential.

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# *What Next?*

- o Apply for collector status with the DEA.
- o Get corporate approval for pilot program.
- o Contact the vendor to sign contract and enroll in the program.
- o Securely install the collection receptacle once it arrives.
- o Affix signage as described in the P&P.
- o Assign responsibility for monitoring and securing the receptacle.
- o Install a liner, and assure secure storage for full liners awaiting transport.
- o Advertise to the clinic and community.

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