

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 Recovery System** bags if available.

Controlled substances 2-5 may be disposed using Take Away bags.

Instructions: 1. Place the medication in the bag. 2. Seal the bag. 3. Place the bag in the disposal bin. 4. Do not reuse the bag.

Take Away bags may not be placed in recycling bins.

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

Spanish: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/Consumer/Consumers/Disposal/Disposal.pdf>
English: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/Consumer/Consumers/Disposal/Disposal.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. <p>May be deposited in a non-site DEA approved collection box.</p> <p>If it is not available, the patient will be responsible for destruction or their own medication.</p>	Document in the EHR: <p>Providers determination that patient should destroy existing prescription.</p> <p>Whether medications deposited in a non-site DEA approved collection box.</p> <p>Witnessed in a private box.</p>
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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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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 Substances: 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.

Contact Information

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