Drug Take-Back Program FAQs

What is the Drug Take-Back Program?
It is a DEA and Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved program that allows individuals to dispose of unused or unwanted medications.

What items are allowed to be collected?
Schedule II-V controlled substances and non-controlled medications lawfully possessed by an ultimate user. These medications can co-mingle.

Can patients give their unwanted drugs to OSUWMC employee for placement in the receptacle?
No. Patients or a member of their household must place their own drugs directly into the receptacle. This also means that a nurse or other staff member cannot bring drugs to the receptacle for a patient.

What items are prohibited from collection?
- Illegal substances
- Aerosols or inhalers
- Medical sharps (needles, syringes, lancets, etc.)
- Mercury thermometers
- Batteries
- Medical equipment, supplies or devices
- Hazardous drugs or chemicals (see OSUWMC Department of Pharmacy Hazardous Drug List)

What can OSUWMC staff do?
Staff can answer questions about the Drug Take-Back Program and give directions to the receptacle.

What are OSUWMC staff prohibited from doing by Federal Law?
- Employees cannot review or retrieve contents from the receptacle (even items accidently placed in receptacle).
- Employees cannot handle the drugs being disposed.
- Employees should observe the receptacle and notify OSU Security and management of any suspicious behavior (loitering around receptacle, daily trips to receptacle, etc.).

What does the drug collection receptacle look like?
- The collection receptacle is made of metal and looks similar to a mailbox and contains a cardboard box layered with plastic.
- A lockable access slot allows unwanted/expired drugs to be deposited.
Walk-in Location Directions

to The Ohio State University Outpatient Pharmacy

GROUND FLOOR MAP OF THE JAMES

CONFERECE LEVEL MAP OF THE JAMES

Elevators
Information
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