Information

Expired and/or Unwanted Pharmaceuticals (Black Box Requirements)

Applicability

This policy applies to the University Community (administrators, faculty, staff, and students).

Administrative Authority

Senior Associate Vice President for Operations

Responsible Unit

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History

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Categories

Statement:

The "Black Box" requirements should be followed when disposing of expired and/or unwanted pharmaceuticals:

1. Every item placed into this container must be clearly marked or labeled to describe its contents. (Note: If placing patient's expired medication, be sure to deface patient name.)
2. Any damaged package should be placed in plastic bag prior to placement into this container.
3. This container should be kept in a secure, non-patient access area.
4. Absolutely:
    - NO FREE LIQUIDS
    - NO DEA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
    - NO SHARPS
    - NO VACCINES CONTAINING LIVE VIRUSES (these items can be placed in "Red Bag" waste)
    - NO CHEMICALS (i.e. alcohol, acids, bases, phenol, etc. Chemicals must be submitted separately on-line at http://louisville.edu/dehs/waste-disposal)
5. When container is near-full, submit pick up request at: Pickup Form. A DEHS container label is not required. However, you must enter your name, department, and location information. In chemical name field, enter the words "Expired Drugs".

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Responsibilities:

Questions or comments should be directed to the UofL DEHS Hazardous Waste Coordinator at 502-852-2956.