

Information from Presbyterian

Disposal of Unused Medicines

Proper disposal of medications (drugs) helps reduce harm or misuse. All Presbyterian hospitals offer drop-off bins to help you get rid of medicines. The DEA and local law enforcement stations also offer take back programs.

You can find approved collection sites and details on the website www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov or by calling 1-800-882-9539.

The following police department locations are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for drug drop off in pill form only. These may be drugs ordered by a doctor or over the counter. Before you turn in pills, you must take them out of their containers and place them in sealable plastic bags. More details are available on the city website, www.cabq.gov.

Foothills Area Command	12800 Lomas NE	(505) 332-5240
Northeast Area Command	8201 Osuna NE	(505) 823-4455
Southeast Area Command	800 Louisiana SE	(505) 256-2050
Valley Area Command	5408 2nd NW	(505) 761-8800
Southwest Area Command	6404 Los Volcanes NW	(505) 831-4705
Northwest Area Command	10401 Cibola Loop NW	(505) 768-4850

Drugs **NOT** accepted at these locations include:

- Liquids or needles (the pharmacy gives patients "sharps" containers if needed).
- Chemotherapy drugs and bottles.
(Presbyterian hospitals **do accept** chemotherapy drop-offs.)
- Medical waste like used bandages or wound dressings, or adult diapers.
- Inhalers and other personal care items.
- Drugs included on the EPA's "P" or "U" list. This list is available on the website www.cabq.gov.

Certain drugs may be more dangerous and should **ONLY** be disposed of at the locations listed above. See a list of these drugs on the FDA's website at www.fda.gov/drugs.

Drugs that do not meet any restrictions may be disposed of in your regular trash by following these steps:

- Pour drugs into a sealable plastic bag. If drug is a solid (pill, liquid capsule), crush it and add water.
- Add kitty litter, sawdust or coffee grounds to the plastic bag.
- Seal the plastic bag and place in your trash.
- Call your pharmacist with any questions.

