

[Insert Pharmacy Letterhead]

Dear Health Care Provider,

We want to let you know about a free and helpful service offered by our pharmacy and available to your patients. We are part of a growing, nationwide initiative to provide patients with a way to safely and appropriately dispose of their unused, unnecessary, or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications. This initiative, Dispose My Meds, was started as an effort to curb the growing problems associated with improper drug disposal. There is a significant risk to patient safety from both accidental and intentional exposure to unused, unnecessary, or expired drugs kept in patients' homes. Also, if patients do choose to dispose of the medications through traditional means (e.g., in the trash or down the sink), there is also an environmental hazard when these medications enter the water supply.

This program allows our pharmacy to take back over-the-counter and non-controlled prescription medications from patients at any time and safely collect them for proper disposal at an off-site location. We wanted to let you know about this program because patients commonly have a need to dispose of medications and frequently, they don't know how to do it. Best of all, this service is provided at no cost or obligation to the patient. Some instances that your patients could utilize this program include when they have a change in therapy, stop taking a medication, at the passing of a family member who was taking medication, or in the case of having expired or damaged medications in the home.

We have had great interest from our patients so far, and we would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give in spreading the word about proper medication disposal and its impact on patient and environmental safety. While we can take back most over-the-counter and prescription medications, by regulation, **we are not able to take back controlled substances or any type of medical supplies**, including sharps. If you want to learn more about the program, we are happy to answer any questions you or your patients may have, and you can also visit www.DisposeMyMeds.org for more details.

Thank you very much for considering this opportunity, and we look forward to continuing to develop a great relationship with your practice. If there is ever any way our pharmacy can help provide care for your patients, please do not hesitate to call at [Pharmacy Phone Number].

Sincerely,

[Pharmacist Name]

Owner, [Pharmacy Name]

