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*Should this
 be added to
 the manual
 SDID*

All SOCP Employees:

Due to the many issues in different counties surrounding the way to dispose of medications in sharps we will no longer use sharps as a means of medication disposal.

All Site Managers need to contact their pharmacies to see if the pharmacy will take back and dispose of unused client medications.

If there are pharmacies that do not take back medications then the unused medications will be retrieved by the Outreach Nurse when notified by the Site Manager. We will plan on a once a month pick-up on the refill days for each group home. The medications need to remain locked up in the medication cabinet until picked up by the Outreach Nurse. **Remembering please this means locked at all time.** These medications will then be deposited in the Outreach Bio-hazard Container to be destroyed.

All unused narcotics will be picked up by the Outreach Nurse when contacted by the Site Manager and brought to Central office for disposal. The Outreach Nurse and the Site Manager will sign the count form prior to leaving the home and the Outreach Nurse and Nurse Supervisor will verify the correct amount when received at Central office. **Please remember that until they are picked up they must be counted each shift.**

Effective immediately all staff are to discontinue flushing, disposing in coffee grounds or in other means of disposal of unused medications and follow the above new procedure. We can be fined for inappropriate disposal of medications and this is also considered not following proper procedure of disposal of unused medications per SOCP policy.

For any questions or clarification please call or email me for assistance.

Linda Fiegi

2010 Connections Newsletter article

Proper disposal of medications

Just a reminder, to use the updated DHS 4590 Drug Disposal Sheet posted on the Forms Server <http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/DE4590.pdf>

Due to the many issues, in different counties, surrounding the disposal of medications in sharps SOCP will no longer use sharps for our medication(s) disposal. SOCP has developed 2 disposal options.

Medications must remain in the bubble wrap with both options.

Perferred method: Contact the pharmacy and check for acceptance – requires 1 signature.

Alternate method: Contact the SOCP Outreach Nurse – requires 2 signatures.

The Alternate method utilizing the SOCP Outreach Nurse requires the first signature of either: Site manager, BVS1, BVS2 or Program Manager and the second signature will be the Outreach Nurse.

- Keep the original DHS 4590 form on file in the home (for 2 years).
- Send a copy of the DHS 4590 with the Outreach nurse.

Upon arrival at the Central Office/Milton Nurse’s station; two additional signatures are required, the Nurse Manager and a witness/outreach nurse. *If you have questions or need clarification please call or email me for assistance.*

Enjoy the spring weather that brings flowers and sunshine.

Nurse Supervisor, Linda Fiegi

The image shows a 'Drug Disposal Sheet' form from the Oregon Department of Health Services (DHS). The form is titled 'Drug Disposal Sheet' and includes a header with the DHS logo and name. It contains several columns for recording disposal information, including 'Date received', 'Client name', 'Drug description', 'Dose', 'Amount', and 'Number to be disposed'. There are also checkboxes for 'Pharmacy?' and 'Office?' under the 'Number to be disposed' column. The form includes a section for 'Disposal signature' with fields for 'Pharmacy?' and 'Office?'. At the bottom, there are notes and a footer with the text 'SEE BACK for process details' and 'DHS 4590 4/10'.