

## Promoting Safe Opioid Disposal A Clinician's Guide



### How you can be a part of the solution to the Opioid Crisis?

Practice these four steps to improve patient outcomes and reduce the negative implications of opioids!



#### **Patient Education**

Opioid dependence can develop in 3 to 5 days, and addiction is possible even with short-term use, though the mental attachment may take longer. Patient education is key to preventing dependence and addiction by highlighting the rapid onset of dependence and the potential risks, enabling patients to recognize warning signs of issues related to opioid use.

#### **Discuss Safe Storage**

Advise patients to keep opioids in secure and discreet locations at home. Avoiding easily accessible places where visitors might have access. Encourage patients to store their opioid medications in lockable cabinets or safes to prevent unauthorized acess.

#### Safe Disposal Guidance

Each year, Americans are prescribed approximately 4.4 billion opioids, and almost 70% remain unused. Ensure ongoing patient protection by implementing a medical-grade solution for proper medication disposal. In a study of over 1000 participants, it was reported that 80% of individuals did not receive information from healthcare providers on safe drug disposal practices in their lifetime.

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#### **Be Proactive With Your Patients**

Provide or prescribe take home drug disposal with every opioid prescription. Co-dispensing is essential to preventing opioid diversion or misuse, educating patients on proper disposal, and stopping abuse and overdoses before they start.

# Empower your patients with a solution that eliminates opioid concerns once pain takes a back seat!

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## Promoting Safe Opioid Disposal The Future is Here.



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- Dispose up to 50 pills in our 4oz pouch
- Child resistant cap
- Non toxic
- Eliminates stockpiling in homes

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