SAFE AND EASY MEDICATION DISPOSAL

available at the blue MedSafe® boxes at UNC Hospitals

Do you have medication that’s expired or you no longer use?

Dispose of it safely and anonymously at one of three blue MedSafe® boxes located around UNC Hospitals. The medication will be safely and legally destroyed.

Besides cluttering up your medicine cabinet, unused or expired medications can be dangerous – especially opioids, which are being abused more and more.

- 73% of teens say it is easy to access prescription drugs from their parent’s medicine cabinet.
- 70-80% of people who abuse opioid medications like oxycodone, morphine, and fentanyl obtain them from a family member or friend.
- One child is poisoned by opioids every 45 minutes.

Medications should not be simply thrown away or flushed down the toilet: improper disposal of medication can lead to environmental or safety hazards.

LOCATIONS

Just look for the blue MedSafe® boxes at one of three locations:

**UNC HILLSBOROUGH OUTPATIENT PHARMACY**
Lobby Level, Hillsborough Hospital
430 Waterstone Drive
Hillsborough, NC 27278
Hours:
Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**UNC CENTRAL OUTPATIENT PHARMACY**
Lobby Level, NC Cancer Hospital
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Hours:
Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**UNC EMPLOYEE PHARMACY**
Lobby Level, NC Memorial Hospital
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Hours:
Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

TIPS FOR DISPOSAL

**ACCEPTABLE**
- Pills, tablets, capsules
- Ointments, creams, lotions
- Powders
- Liquid medicines - no more than 4 oz.

**NOT ACCEPTABLE**
- Aerosol spray cans
- Needles, syringes, or sharps containers
- Trash
- Batteries and Hazardous materials

Leave medication in original container when possible, or place in plastic baggie before disposal. MedSafe® boxes are available to the public during normal business hours. Do not leave medication outside of the box.

HAVE QUESTIONS? ASK A PHARMACIST AT ANY LOCATION.