PHARMACY PRACTICE POLICY

Return of Medication

Policy

A pharmacist may accept, for disposal only, medication previously dispensed and removed from a pharmacy.

A pharmacist may accept, for return to inventory, medication previously dispensed to a facility licensed pursuant to the Homes for Special Care Act where in the exercise of professional judgment it is appropriate to do so and where all the following conditions are met:

- the patient has not been in possession of the medication;
- the lot numbers and expiry dates (where applicable) of the medication are directly attached to the dispensed container;
- the medication has not been packaged with other medications within the same blister, envelope or other container;
- each dose of the medication is individually sealed and the seal is intact at the time of the return to the pharmacy;
- the pharmacist has sufficient knowledge of the medication administration and storage conditions/policies of the facility registered under the Homes for Special Care Act to permit the exercise of professional judgment; and
- the medication returned is stored in a separate container from the manufacturers container and is labelled with the name of the medication (including the manufacturer if appropriate), the DIN #, Lot #, and the expiry date.

A pharmacist may accept, for return to inventory, injectable medication previously dispensed for the purpose of providing Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) if they are satisfied that:

- the medication has not left the possession of the physician or nurse practitioner, or a licensed health care professional designated by the physician or nurse practitioner;
- each dose (vial/ampoule, etc) is full and has not been used (ie: has an intact seal or other evidence of it being tamper-proof); and
- the medication has been stored in accordance with the manufacturer’s required storage conditions.