



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 manufacturer's 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.