

DISPOSAL OF MEDICINES IN NURSING HOMES



REGULAR MEDICINES

- Record in the medicines disposal record
- Place the medicines in the pharmaceutical waste bin
- Keep the waste contractor's record of collection



CONTROLLED DRUGS (CDs)

- Two staff members needed for the process (at least one RN)
- The RN to denature the CD and the second staff member to act as a witness
- Make a record in the CD Register
- Denature the CD according to the DOOM kit instructions
- Open ampoules, add tablets, capsules and liquid medicines to the level indicated on the container, fill with water to the level indicated and shake
- Place the used DOOM kit in the pharmaceutical waste bin
- Fold CD patches in half with the sticky side inwards, and place in the pharmaceutical waste bin



NURSING HOME STOCK

Homely Remedies Stock

- Record homely remedies in the medicines disposal record

- Place them in pharmaceutical waste bin

Controlled Drug Stock

- Controlled Drugs held in stock under a Home Office licence must be destroyed in the presence of an authorised witness
- Separate the CDs from current CD stock
- Contact your NHS England Local Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer to arrange disposal

For more information about how to handle medicines safely, contact one of our friendly team:

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