

# HPSA News Bulletin

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**HEALTH PRODUCTS**  
STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

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### PROVINCE - PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



**MEDICATIONS**  
RETURN PROGRAM

#### ACCEPTED

- ✓ Prescription drugs
- ✓ Non-prescription drugs
- ✓ Natural health products

#### NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Commercial and institutional waste
- ✗ Empty pill bottles or other containers
- ✗ Cosmetics and beauty products



**SHARPS**  
COLLECTION PROGRAM

#### ACCEPTED

- ✓ Needles, needle tips and syringes
- ✓ Insulin pens
- ✓ Other medical sharps

#### NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Commercial, institutional or pharmacy stock waste
- ✗ On site vaccine/flu shot waste
- ✗ Glucose meters; IV bags

For a full listing visit our website

### The numbers are in!

2019 was a positive year for HPSA and its partners. Total national medication returns and sharp collections increased over the previous year, reaching 432,882 kg and 350,420 kg, respectively with the support of more than 5,700 collection location sites.

The Island Medications Return Program (IMRP) collected a total of 4,096 kg and the Island Sharps Collection Program (ISCP), a total of 7,399 kg across HPSA's network of 47 collection location sites on Prince Edward Island.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the pharmacists and pharmacy staff who continue to volunteer their time and expertise in the collection of consumer returns. Thank you for your participation and efforts in promoting proper disposal and preventing misuse.

Watch out for the 2019 IMRP and ISCP Annual Reports posted [here](#).

### 2019 – Promotions and Activities

HPSA continues to focus on education and promotion of our return programs through various marketing efforts and external partnerships, including with you, our pharmacy network. The major initiatives started the previous year continued in 2019 with Drug Free Kids Canada and the Institute for Safe Medication Practice Canada. The many activities and outreach centred around raising consumer awareness about the risks of unused medications at home, proper storage and safe disposal options. Campaigns like these and National Drop Off Month in August do help in changing consumer's behaviour.

Thank you for participating in the Island Medications Return Program and the Island Sharps Collection Program and for your continued efforts in making both a success.

### HPSA is open!

Please be advised that HPSA and its service providers are operating as usual. Should you wish to request pick up services and supplies, please fill out a form [here](#). The HPSA staff is here to answer any questions at 1-844-535-8889.

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