

ONTARIO MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM (MRP) REFERENCE GUIDE



HEALTH PRODUCTS
STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION

MRP covers all medications, that are sold directly to consumers, including prescription, over-the-counter medications, and natural health products.

Included

- ✓ All prescription drugs (also liquids and creams, including cytotoxics and opioids)
- ✓ Over-the-counter medications (pills, liquids and creams)
- ✓ Natural Health Products, such as vitamins and minerals, herbal remedies, probiotics
- ✓ Inhalers (up to 10 inhalers per pail)
- ✓ Medical marijuana (prescription only)
- ✓ Medication patches
- ✓ Fentanyl Patches – folded in half so that the adhesive side is stuck together
- ✓ Medications for companion animals

Excluded

- ✗ Pharmaceutical waste produced by the collection location (new or expired stock) or any other institutions such as hospitals, LTC homes, nursing homes, doctor's offices
- ✗ Topical substances that do not contain antibiotics or anti-fungal agents
- ✗ Radiopharmaceuticals
- ✗ Methadone or methadone cups
- ✗ COVID tests
- ✗ Contact lens disinfectants
- ✗ Anti-dandruff products
- ✗ Mouthwashes
- ✗ Lozenges for cough, sore throat or halitosis
- ✗ Fluoridated toothpaste
- ✗ Sunburn protectants
- ✗ Antiperspirants
- ✗ Biomedical or anatomical waste
- ✗ Medical sharps, syringes, needles
- ✗ Empty pill bottles or other containers

Important Notice:

Please take note of the following guidelines when accepting medications returns from patients:

- Make sure all liquids, creams, and powders remain in their original containers. The Medications Return Containers should not have any loose liquids or powders.
- Ask consumers to remove or cover any personal information before returning the medications.
- Narcotics and controlled substances should not be denatured prior to placing them in the Medications Return Container.

ONTARIO SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM (SCP) REFERENCE GUIDE



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SCP covers all needles, safety engineered needles, lancets or other similar instruments designed to puncture the skin of individuals for medical purposes and are sold to consumers for home-treatment only. Medical sharps used on Companion Animals are also accepted under the program.

Included

- ✓ Needles
- ✓ Syringes
- ✓ Pen tips
- ✓ Lancets
- ✓ Prefilled cartridges
- ✓ Prefilled syringes
- ✓ Prefilled Auto-Injectors
- ✓ Prefilled Pen Injectors
- ✓ Infusion sets
- ✓ Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGM) applicators with needles

Excluded

- ✗ Medical sharps waste generated by the collection location e.g.: flu, immunization or COVID shots
- ✗ Medical sharps containers from hospitals, methadone clinics, medical or dental offices, LTC homes, nursing homes, tattoo parlours, nail salons, acupuncture clinics and from any other businesses
- ✗ IV Bags
- ✗ COVID tests
- ✗ Glucose meters
- ✗ Cotton swabs
- ✗ Biomedical or anatomical waste

Important Notice:

- Medical sharps containers are for free distribution to members of the public only
- Only consumer returns, from at home self-treatments, are accepted in medical sharps containers. No return from institutions (pharmacy-generated waste, tattoo parlours, clinics, salons) is accepted under the program.
- For some CGM systems, the applicator is the medical sharp and the CGM is not a medical sharp