

ASHP Patient Safety



ANNOUNCER: KEEPING UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICINES IN YOUR HOME, ESPECIALLY OPIOIDS, CAN BE DANGEROUS. ACCORDING TO THE A-S-H-P, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS, 73 PERCENT OF TEENS SAY IT'S EASY TO ACCESS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM THEIR PARENT'S MEDICINE CABINET. 70 TO 80 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO ABUSE OPIOID MEDICATIONS LIKE OXYCODONE OR MORPHINE, OBTAIN THEM FROM A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND.

DURING PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK, MARCH 11-17, A-S-H-P AND THE ASHP FOUNDATION ARE SHARING IMPORTANT TIPS FOR SAFELY STORING AND DISPOSING OF YOUR MEDICINES.

CLINICAL PHARMACIST, DR. KALYNN ROHDE:

SUGGESTED SOUNDBITE: *“First, take inventory of the medicines currently in your home and pull out anything that is expired, discolored, or crumbling. Next, take the expired medicines to a stationary drop box in your community if available, or ask a pharmacist for help. Finally, make sure you’re storing your medicines safely in an area that is convenient, but is also cool and dry, and lock up your medicines or store them in a high, out-of-reach place if you have children.”*

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