



Unwanted Medication Collection

**Jameson Health System
SOUTH CAMPUS
Conference Room
1000 South Mercer Street
New Castle, PA 16101
Saturday, November 6, 2010
10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Free Event

HIPAA Compliant

Please Bring Medication in the Original Container
Pre-Registration Requested: Call 866-815-0016

We **Accept**:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Veterinary medications
- Controlled and non-controlled substances
- Dietary supplements

We **Do Not** Accept:

- Durable medical goods
- Health and beauty aids
 - Infectious waste
 - Institutional waste
 - Radioactive materials
- Mercury thermometers
- Illegal/street substances
- Medical sharps (needles)
- Medical devices and equipment

Law Enforcement and a licensed pharmacist will be on site to ensure all material collected is handled in accordance with all federal, state and local laws.



Your
Ellwood City Hospital



**LAWRENCE COUNTY
DRUG TASK FORCE**

**For more information please call:
Lawrence County Recycling/ Solid Waste
(724) 658-6925**

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Risks of Storing & Flushing Unwanted Medications



What are **YOU** doing with your unwanted medications?

Risks of Storing Medications

The Risks:

- Addiction
- Abuse
- Overdose
- Theft
- Poisoning
- Senior Safety
- Accidental Ingestion



Who is Affected:

- Visually Impaired
- Children
- Parents
- Elderly
- Teens
- Pets



ATTENTION PARENTS!

PHARMING PARTIES: (far-ming)

a teen, media created term describing get-togethers where prescription drugs are exchanged and randomly ingested in order to become intoxicated.

Solutions

DO:

Take unwanted medication to an available collection event.
(Keep all medication in the original container, leave the name of the medication visible on the label, use a black permanent marker to black-out personal information.)

If an event is not available, dispose of unwanted medication at home.

1. Black out personal information and name of medication on the drug container.
2. Take prescription drugs out of their original containers.
3. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter, used coffee grounds, or dirt.
4. Put mixture into a sealable bag or a disposable container with a lid.
5. Place the sealed container with the mixture and the empty drug container **in the trash.**



DO NOT:

- Store unwanted medications
- Flush or pour unwanted medications down the drain

Risks of Flushing and Pouring Medications down the drain

The Problem:

- Trace chemicals of medications have been found in our waterways.
- Water Treatment Plants are not designed to remove diluted medications.

What is Being Contaminated:

- Streams
- Fish & Frogs
- Rivers
- Lakes
- Oceans
- Aquatic Wildlife



Who is Affected:

- Swimmers
- Fishermen
- Boaters
- Wildlife



Negative Impacts:

- Pollution of waterways
- Feminization of aquatic wildlife