



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE		POLICY
Narcotic Waste Management – Cactus Sink®		DRM-059
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE
Drug Room	10-1-2020	10-1-2020
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE	
Drug Room		

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the proper disposal of CDS waste based upon federal, state and facility restrictions and recommendations.

PROCEDURE

Documentation

- Unusable controlled substances removed from the ADS shall be properly wasted with a nurse witness if no longer intact or in the original sealed container. If all or part of a controlled substance is to be wasted, an electronic record should be kept. Two nurses are required for wasting all controlled substances. All medications dispensed under a certain patient must be wasted under the patient for whom the medication(s) were originally removed.
- The documentation of the wastage should be completed at the time the controlled substance is wasted. If not, after the controlled substance is administered to the patient, waste the unused portion to document the amount not administered.
- All unusable controlled substances shall be wasted in the Cactus Smart Sink® System with a nurse witness present.

Wastage

- The Cactus Smart Sink System will be used for waste of non-hazardous controlled-substances that are in solid, liquid or patch forms. It is NOT for syringes, needles, vials, ampules, gloves, packaging or trash of any kind.
- Return refused (but reusable) drugs to the ADS
- Isolate defective or questionable drugs and contact the drug room so that drug room personnel can pick them up.
- Dispose of glass containers and syringes in the Red Biohazard Sharp's container.
- The medication contents of a full or partially empty ampule, vial or bottle will be wasted in the Cactus Smart Sink System

For Disposing into the Cactus Smart Sink System:

- Solids: Place solid pharmaceutical waste in the solids only one-way pill maze.
- Patches: Fold patches in half so the sticky side is in. Once in half, place in the patch slot and use the patch plunger to push the patch completely down.
- Liquid: Administer liquids pharmaceutical waste into the liquid only funnel
- Place ALL used or unused syringes WITH OR WITHOUT needles into the Red Biohazard Sharp's container.

Waste Removal:

Removal of the Cactus Smart Sink System canisters by drug room personnel may occur when the red alert lights come on signifying that the canister associated with that light is 95% full. If the canisters are not full, they should also be proactively removed after 180 days of use.

Management of Outdated Drugs:

A reverse distributor or waste management company, approved by the DEA, shall be contacted for return of drugs or destruction of drugs identified to be toxic to the environment.