

Disposal of Medication and Supplies

- **Do not throw away your infusion pump or accessories.** Contact our pharmacy to arrange for a pump return at 1-866-270-3282.
- Discard all **used needles and syringes with needles** in the provided **sharps container**. If the needles have a safety device, they can be double bagged and placed in regular household trash.
 - Once your sharps container is 3/4 full, place it in the original postage paid box and take it to your local post office. The box will be shipped to the proper disposal site.
 - Discard all drugs, used medication bags/cassettes, syringes without needles, tubing, soiled dressings, bandages, and gloves **not used for chemotherapy** in double-bagged household trash.
- If you are on chemotherapy medication: dispose of all gloves, gowns, and used medication containers in the provided **chemo sharps container**.
- Miami-Dade County Sharps Disposal Program is also available to assist patients with safe disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets. Please see below communication for more information.
 - Contact local waste pickup services for their policy on sharps container pickup. You can also check the following website for additional information: www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safely-using-sharps-needles-and-syringes-home-work-and-travel/sharps-disposal-containers.



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Sharps Disposal Program

The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County (FDOH-MD) Sharps Disposal Program is available to assist you with safe disposal of needles, syringes and lancets that have been used by you or a family member in the treatment at home of an allergy, acute illness or chronic disease such as diabetes, multiple sclerosis, etc.

This is a free, voluntary program for residents and visitors of Miami-Dade County who need assistance with properly disposing needles, syringes and lancets.

Participants of the Sharps Disposal Program should:

- Place needles, syringes and lancets into an approved biomedical waste sharps container, a heavy-duty detergent bottle or similar heavy-duty container.
- Container should be less than three quarters full.
- Reinforce the container closure with tape.
- Bring the container to the reception desk of the participating FDOH-MD location between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Only properly packaged sharps containers will be accepted.

Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Disposal Sites:

Environmental Health and Engineering

1725 NW 167th Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33056
(305) 623-3500

Health District Center

1350 NW 14th Street
Miami, FL
(305) 575-3827

Little Haiti Health Center

300 NE 80th Terrace
Miami, FL 33138
305-795-2150

West Perrine Health Center

18255 Homestead Ave.
Miami, FL 33157
(305) 278-0442

If you have any questions regarding the Sharps Disposal Program, please call the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County Biomedical Waste Unit at (305) 623-3500.

Florida Department of Health

In Miami-Dade County
Health District Center
1350 NW 14th Street, Miami, FL 33125
PHONE: (305) 575-3827



Needle Stick Safety

- After using needles, never bend, clip or replace the cap.
- Never flush sharps down the toilet.
- Throw away used needles into a sharps container immediately.
- Keep needles and sharps containers away from children and pets.
- In the case of a needle stick, report the injury to your physician promptly.

Return of Medication, Pump and Supplies

FL State Board of Pharmacy prohibits the return of any medicine or supplies to ANY pharmacy to reuse for another patient.

Supplies sent to your home are specific to your therapy and cannot be reused. Any extra supplies can stay with you, be discarded at your home, or donated to a local hospice or nursing agency.

Thermal coolers and ice packs cannot be returned to us. Our pharmacy delivery staff are not allowed to remove these items from your home due to safety and infection control standards.

IMPORTANT:

Do not throw away your infusion pump or accessories. Pumps and accessories, such as power packs, IV pole clamps, etc., are loaned to you for your use while on home infusion therapy. **When you are done with your therapy, all equipment must be returned to our pharmacy.**

If you do not return these items, you may be asked to pay for them. If you have a pump that needs to be picked up, please call 1-866-270-3282 and speak with a pharmacy team member.