

PANS Medication Disposal Program Waste Handling Procedures

Acceptable Waste



Ointment pots Tubes Pills & Capsules Oral liquids Eye drops Empty Inhalers Nasal sprays Medical patches Liquid medications

Unacceptable Waste



Empty pill bottles/vials PPE (gloves, gowns, masks) Garbage/Recycling/Packaging Needles/Syringes/Injection pens Electronics/Batteries Band aids/Tissues Blister packs/Compliance packaging Aerosols Methadone bottles Any waste from LTC facilities, physicians or other commercial enterprises

Primary Collection Containers

Waste must be collected in a clear stericycle liner (bag).



Packaging for Transport

Tie bag securely and place in cardboard box. Tape box flaps closed and affix Rx label.



Labeling & Storage

Place labels as shown below:



Store at room temperature.

Refrigeration not required.

Store in a secure and controlled area of the pharmacy.



Note: (1) Boxes that are primarily cytotoxic waste must be labelled as such. Cytoxic waste, other than medications is NOT permitted. (2) Only residential patient waste accepted. Do not include waste from LTC or other healthcare providers.