

THE PROBLEM STARTS IN OUR OWN HOMES

ENDING OUR COUNTRY'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC STARTS WITH US

CORDANT'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

- 62% of teens who have taken a prescription medication for a nonmedical reason said they did so because it was **easy to get from their parents' medicine cabinets**.¹
- More than 70% of people who first misuse prescription drugs **get them from their friends or relatives or simply take them without asking**.²
- Data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) show that **nearly 80% of heroin users report having become addicted to prescription pain medications first**, while just 3.6% had a history of heroin use before beginning prescription pain medications.³

Cordant's take-back program removes dangerous medications from your medicine cabinet and helps prevent powerful narcotics from **falling into the wrong hands**.

LEADING THE WAY TO ENDING OUR COUNTRY'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC: ABOUT CORDANT'S TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

Cordant Health Solutions™ recognizes that many of the drugs initially obtained for misuse or abuse are not bought from a drug dealer but rather taken from a home medicine cabinet. Cordant's take-back program promotes and provides take-back envelopes for patients at no charge to safely dispose of their unused medications, including controlled substances scheduled II–V, through the United States Postal Service. The program is simple and straightforward. The take-back envelopes will be placed at select physician offices. Patients simply take an envelope home, fill it with unused/expired medications in their original containers, seal the prepaid mailing label on the nondescript envelope and ship via USPS directly to the reverse distributor. This take-back program meets the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act requirements for the compliant disposal of controlled substances via take-back.

1 <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/popping-pills-prescription-drug-abuse-in-america>

2 <http://www.drugs.com/article/national-drug-take-back-day.html>

3 <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1750124>

INSTRUCTIONS

It starts with you.
Responsibly dispose of unused or expired medications.

- Pick up a take-back envelope today.
- Place all unused medications into this envelope, including legally held controlled drugs and narcotics (Schedules II, III, IV and V).⁴
- Medications should be in their original containers when placed into the take-back envelope.
- Liquids must be placed in a sealed ziplock plastic bag before being placed inside the envelope. No more than four (4) ounces of liquids can be included in each mailing.
- Seal the envelope carefully.
- Take the sealed envelope to USPS or simply hand it to your U.S. postal carrier. A prepaid USPS label is on the envelope.

4 Illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine or other substances are not permitted.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please visit TakeBackProgram.org or email us at takeback@cordanths.com.

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