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Pharmaceutical Waste Products and its Management

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Abstract: Introduction: Medication disposal is an alarming issue today and gaining more and more awareness from the healthcare professionals as well as consumers.

Pharmacists have the potential to be on the forefront of this movement as a healthcare professionals and pharmacists are in an admirable position to educate patients about safe drug disposal.

Proper patient counselling on safe medication disposal can make a significant difference to public health and the environment. The knowledge on method of disposal of unused medicines is equally important as that of consumption of medicines.

Objective: This article aims to provide a background, the importance and significance of proper medication disposal, describe the correct methods to dispose of unwanted and expired medications.

Method: The information about methods of proper disposal as well as consequence of improper disposal was collected by extensive literature survey of all available resources..

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