THE DETERRA DRUG DEACTIVATION SYSTEM IMPROVES PROPER DRUG DISPOSAL BEHAVIORS

As reported by a study published in JAMA Surgery and conducted by the University of Michigan Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network and partially funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

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Post surgical patients had leftover opioids

Only 18% of post surgical patients with leftover opioids disposed of them properly

When given a Deterra® Pouch 52% of post surgical patients with leftover opioids disposed of them properly

Significantly reducing the amount of drugs flushed down the sink or toilet and thrown in the trash without proper deactivation - reducing both the risk for environmental contamination and diversion

More likely to PROPERLY dispose of opioids when given the Deterra Pouch

DISPOSAL BEHAVIOR BY INTERVENTION

Disposal Definition for this Infographic

Proper = Drug deactivation using Deterra pouch prior to disposal in trash, Drug Take Back Event, Law Enforcement or Authorized Pharmacy

Improper = Toilet, Sink, Trash as is, Trash mixed with unpalatable substance

Disposal Info Sheet

Deterra Pouch

Usual Care

Percent

0 25 50 75 100

Proper Disposal
Improper Disposal
No Disposal
Other

"Our findings suggest that simple, low-cost interventions such as in-home deactivation methods, could reduce the number unused opioids available for diversion. Although this study represents data from outpatient surgical procedures at a single academic center, it highlights the importance of providing accessible disposal methods to reduce the flow of excess opioids into communities." - Study Authors

Deterra recipients:

• Flushed less medication
• Less likely to improperly dispose in trash
• Contributed to 40% fewer households with leftover opioids


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