“Concerns & Responses”
An Overview of Drug Take-Back in the U.S.

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What is drug take-back?

Methods

• Mail-back from the home
• Collection at central location(s) – one-time events
  – Police stations
  – Municipal/HHW
  – Pharmacies
• Collection at central location(s) – ongoing
  – Pharmacies
  – Municipal/HHW
  – Police stations
Motivation

• Increasing abuse of prescription drugs
  – National Drug Control Strategy 2010
• Presence of trace pharmaceuticals in the waterways
• Increasing use of pharmaceutical drugs overall
• “Lots” of medicines go unused – 40%?
• “Low-hanging fruit”
Challenges

• New issue – new stakeholders – new solutions
• Confusing messaging to the public
• Lack of clarity of oversight/guidelines
• Controlled Substances Act/security
• Best option for ultimate destruction
• Funding
Developments

• HR 5809 – Amend the Controlled Substances Act, study destruction options
  – S 3397 passed in August

• States pursuing sustainable funding through “extended producer responsibility”
More Information

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