PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONCERN

Expired medical products can be less effective or risky due to a change in chemical composition or a decrease in strength. Certain expired medications are at risk of bacterial growth and sub-potent antibiotics can fail to treat infections, leading to more serious illnesses and antibiotic resistance.

CHARACTERIZATION

Handling expired prescription medication responsibly is essential

HANDLING PROCEDURES

Non-Narcotic

- Contact the **IMSA** warehouse for guidance on turning in expired non-narcotic medicines **(270) 798-8347 Building 2434**
- **Medicines at unit level go back to where they were issued.**
- **Medicine must be sorted by material i.e. Pills, liquids tubes, etc. Controlled items must be sorted separately.**

Narcotics:

- **BACH Pharmacy: For proper guidance call (270)798-8479 or (270)798-8462**

Special Precautions for Narcotics

Due to their potential for abuse, extra caution is needed. When in doubt, consult a pharmacist or healthcare provider for specific disposal instructions

- **BACH pharmacy and Town Center have blue medication turn in boxes. No liquids or Sharps / Needles may be placed in these.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

For more information on RMW or Pharmaceutical disposal contact **BACH Environmental Services at (270) 798-8341 or Environmental Health at (270) 412-3979.**