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## E-News Update September 2019

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### **Reminder: Notice on the Enforcement of USP Compounding Chapters for Pharmacies**

*This notice only applies to pharmacies. A separate update for prescriber compounders will be released soon.*

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy is aware of [USP's recent announcement](#) that was released on September 23, 2019, pertaining to the effective dates of revised USP Chapters <795>, <797>, and <825>. The Board has received multiple inquiries as to how this announcement will affect the Board's enforcement of USP <800> when it becomes effective December 1, 2019.

Please be advised that the Board will **NOT** begin enforcing <USP 800> on December 1, 2019.

Rather, the Board will be discussing the effective date of updated compounding rules that require adherence to USP <800> for all drugs listed in table one on the [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's List of Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings](#) at its November meeting. More information will be provided following the meeting.

To view the complete notice on the implementation of USP <800> visit:  
[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Compound800](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Compound800).

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### **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

**Saturday, October 26th** is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, which aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy encourages you to inform your patients of this great opportunity to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs. Recent data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that 51 percent of those who misused prescription pain relievers in the past year obtained the prescription pain relievers they had most recently misused from a friend or relative for free. To reduce opportunities for diversion, it is important to regularly dispose of leftover medication.

For collection site locations, please visit:  
[https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/).

The Board of Pharmacy has also published resources to help Ohio residents find drug disposal boxes throughout the year. To access the disposal box locators, please visit:  
[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/disposal](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/disposal).

For more information about safe pain medication and pain management practices, please visit:  
[www.takechargeohio.org](http://www.takechargeohio.org).

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### **Reminder - Law Review Presentation**

The Board offers a [law review presentation](#) to learn about the latest developments in pharmacy laws and rules. Presentations take place across the state. Space is limited so early registration is recommended. The law review presentation qualifies for two hours (0.2 CEUs) of Board-approved jurisprudence continuing education. More information and registration instructions can be found on the Board's [continuing education webpage](#).

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