



Policy and Procedures re: Donated Medications

INTRODUCTION

Centre Volunteers in Medicine was founded to understand and serve the health and wellness needs of uninsured residents of Centre County, PA. Access to affordable medications is key to the health of our patients. CVIM strives to insure quality care and patient safety with the limited resources at our disposal. To that end, CVIM will only use medications purchased or received through pharmacies or approved medication distribution programs that can verify storage and proper handling of medications.

Policy

CVIM will not accept donated medications from any source, including those from private citizens and physician offices. Donated medications will not be accepted as a matter of patient safety and quality control, as proper storage and handling of medications cannot be guaranteed.

Referrals

Medication Disposal

Individuals wishing to dispose of medications may bring them to Mount Nittany Medical Center. Mount Nittany Medical Center will accept medications Monday-Friday from 10am-4pm. Medications can be dropped off at the pharmacy service window at Mount Nittany Medical Center.

Medical Missions

Physician offices wishing to donate sample medications for Mission work may contact St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pine Grove Mills at 237-2081. To the best of our knowledge, St. Paul's will only accept sample medications from physician offices. Donations from private citizens are not accepted due to similar difficulties in insuring proper storage and handling.

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