Committee: New York City Chapter of Health-system Pharmacists

Topic: Implementation of a standardized medication disposal program for pharmacies

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Whereas, Medication waste generated by outpatient settings are detrimental to the environment, and,

Whereas, Drug diversion can occur in settings with inappropriate prevention measures, and.

Whereas, There is no standardized, secure way to dispose of unwanted medications, therefore, be it

Resolved That:

The New York State Council of Health-system Pharmacists supports the implementation of a secure medication take-back program for the hospital setting, which will result in a decrease in environmental damage and prevent inappropriate use of disposed medications.

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