

PATIENT INFORMATION ON THE DISPOSAL OF MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

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Dear Patient!

By disposing of old medicines correctly, you are making a very significant contribution to protecting the environment.

On the website

www.arzneimittelentsorgung.de

you can find out how to dispose of medicines correctly and in an environmentally friendly manner in your area.

If the package insert of a drug does not contain any special instructions for disposal, you should use the following principles as a guide:

Disposal via household waste

Since June 1, 2005, old medicines in Germany are first incinerated or pre-treated in waste incineration plants, thereby largely destroying the harmful substances they contain.

- Liquid medications: Carefully seal and dispose of in the residual waste.
- Dispose of medicines in such a way that there is no risk to children, third parties or that the medicines can be recovered by unauthorized persons.
- **Never** dispose of medicine containers in toilets, wash basins, sinks, as sewage treatment plants cannot filter out all substances contained in wastewater. This will otherwise pollute the groundwater to a high degree.

Hazardous medical waste is harmful to the climate and groundwater and must therefore be handed over to a mobile hazardous waste unit, to the municipal Commercial yard or a recycling center.

These include:

- Asthma/COPD metered dose aerosols (contain propellants that are harmful to the climate).
- Cytostatics / chemotherapeutics (liquid and solid)
- Other chemicals of all kinds

Disposal by pharmacies

Pharmacies are not legally required to take back medications. However, they often offer a voluntary offer to take back old medicines as a voluntary service.

Disposal by the municipality

In addition to household waste disposal, some cities and municipalities offer other options for disposing of old medicines, such as "Medi-Tonnen", hazardous waste collection points or mobile hazardous waste collection vehicles. Information on this can be obtained from your local authority.

You can find further information on the website www.akdermaplastik.de.