

Got Drugs?



2nd Floor, Dwight D. Eisenhower
Army Medical Center and Main PX

NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

26 April 2014 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

2nd Floor of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center outside the Pharmacy

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2010 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

Due to the overwhelming success of previous events, DEA has scheduled the eighth National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. When the results of the seven events to date are combined, the DEA and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed over 3.4 million pounds (1,733 tons) of medication from circulation.

Fort Gordon will participate in the campaign by sponsoring a turn in site on the second floor (near the pharmacy) of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center **Saturday, 26 April 2014 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity for those who have accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of them.

Further info:

- **An important note for Service Members: MEDCOM Regulation 40-51 states PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (SCHEDULES II-V) WILL HAVE AN AUTHORIZED USE OF SIX-MONTHS FROM DATE OF DISPENSING. If a SM keeps a prescribed medication and inadvertently takes it past the 6-month window, II-V drug tested, they will then have an illegal use of a controlled substance issue. This makes it very important for SMs to dispose of their unused, outdated schedule II-V medications, thereby reducing the chance a medication is taken outside the authorized use timeframe.**
- Controlled (those substances which require a doctor's prescription) non-controlled, and over the counter substances may be collected.
- This program is anonymous and every effort will be made to protect the anonymity of participants. No questions or requests for identification will be made.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time.
- Participants may dispose of medication in its original container, or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual should remove any identifying information from the prescription label.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

Items that **cannot** be turned in:

- a) Syringes, Intra-venous solutions, injectibles.
- b) Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative, and should not be placed in collection containers.

If further information is required, please contact Michael Reed, Ft. Gordon Army Substance Abuse Program Prevention Coordinator, 791-5797, or email at michael.a.reed177.civ@mail.mil.