



SENECA COUNTY

Emergency Services



Standard Administrative Guideline

Subject: Expired Medication Destruction/Deactivation

Reference Number: 54

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Review Date: Annually

Purpose: To provide guidance for the destruction of expired medications per DEA regulations

Background:

Expired medications can no longer be flushed or wasted in the toilet or sink. DEA regulations require the use of a commercially available, approved medication de-activator. This compound destroys the medication and makes it completely inert and irretrievable.

Policy & Procedure:

- 1: The Echo Paramedics are required to receive training and education on the procedure to dispose of expired medications. Contact EMS1 or EMS2 if you are unfamiliar with the procedure.**
- 2. Seneca County EMS utilizes Rx Destroyer, a commercial compound, approved by the DEA to de-activate all prescription medications prior to disposal.**
- 3. Squirt the medication into the container of Rx Destroyer. Shake.**
- 4. Document on the destruction sheet:**
 - Medication Name**
 - Lot #**
 - Expiration Date**
 - Name of Paramedic destroying the med – 2 Medics are required to destroy Narcotic medications or any Controlled Meds (Diazepam, Versed, Morphine, Fentanyl)**
- 5. Once the Rx Destroyer is full – Seal the cap, and throw away in normal trash. Rx Destroyer turns into a solid once the cap is sealed tightly.**

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