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Medications Return Program News Bulletin



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NEW LOGO AND WEBSITE



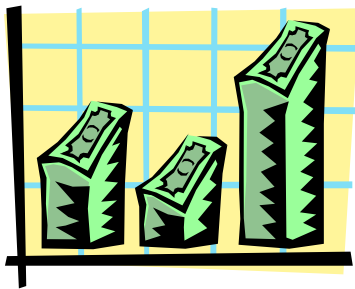
We are happy to introduce our new logo in this issue, in addition you can visit our website at www.medicationsreturn.ca. It is intended to explain the Medications Return Program to consumers, how to register if you are a pharmacist and has a section for brand-owners and members.. If you would like to see additional information please contact the executive director, Ginette Vanasse to discuss it.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 8TH 2004

As a member of PCPSA, you were invited to attend our next AGM taking place on September 8th at the Toronto Congress Center starting at 9:30 a.m.

If you have not yet received the information, please contact the office at 613-723-7282. The information sent by e-mail were:the agenda, minutes of last year AGM, and for those unable to attend, the proxy form. Also available at the meeting will be the Annual Report submitted to the BC Ministry of Environment, Land and Park, and the B.C. Approved Program Plan. We would like to remind each Member to keep any and all information confidential.

SECTOR SAMPLING PROJECT



Back in 1999, when the British Columbia program was put in place, an analysis of the medications collected by the pharmacists was done. We are still using this information to calculate sector's share for running this program. They are; brand name pharmaceuticals 51%, generic pharmaceuticals 36% and self-care health products 13%. We thought that a new survey of the medications returned or collected by the Residuals Management Group Ltd. was appropriate.

Therefore, we have organized a survey of the medications collected through the Medications Return Program over a 3 months period and will be able to apply any changes to the contribution of each sector in the next fiscal year for the program in British Columbia.

MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

The following is an update on the program in British Columbia for the April to June 2004 period. The number of pails of pharmaceuticals collected for this quarter is normal at 3,881 kg. Collection costs is over budget due to fuel surcharge charged by the courier company. In late June, skids of containers were shipped to Cristallo Engineering for incineration and finally the only containers purchased were for the survey. The cost of the program for this reporting period is \$40,032.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE OFFICE

- Launch the PCPSA website
 - Plan to distribute information on the program in British Columbia to local newspapers
 - Hold the Association's AGM in Toronto this September
 - Conduct a survey of returned medicines in B.C.
 - Continue to monitor the situation in other provinces in Canada.
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