

LOCAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS



WHO WE ARE

RCORP-ETC is a consortium co-led by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and community members working together to address the opioid epidemic in eastern Tennessee.

To eradicate opioid use disorder, the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – East Tennessee Consortium strives to create healthy communities by enhancing health promotion and prevention, collaboration, and access to health services and care.



DID YOU KNOW?

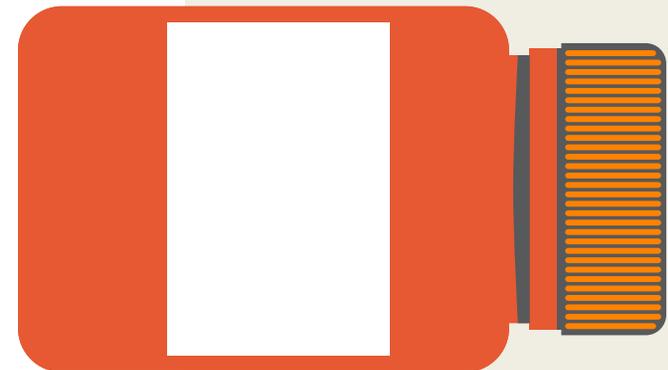
- Some unused opioid medications can be easily disposed of by flushing down your household toilet or sink.
 - For a comprehensive list of "flushable" medications, view the FDA's database by following the QR code listed below.
- Flushing medications found on the "flushable" list is a safe and effective way to dispose of medication when you are unable to travel to a drop-off location or attend a take-back event.
- If your pet's medication does not appear on the flush list and you are unable to utilize a drop-off service, you can dispose of medication by mixing them with an undesirable substance (cat litter or used coffee grounds), place the mixture in a sealed bag and throw the bag in your household garbage.



Flushable Medication List

VETERINARY MEDICINE AND OPIOID USAGE

Addressing Opioid Use Disorder





USING OPIOIDS SAFELY

When responsibly prescribed and administered, opioid medications can be helpful in managing your pet's pain. Responsible use includes following all prescription guidelines, safe storage, and proper medication disposal. Some of the most commonly encountered opioid medications used in veterinary medicine include Butorphanol, Buprenorphine, and Tramadol. Always consult with your veterinarian and fully discuss all dosing guidelines whenever your pet receives opioid medication.

STORING YOUR PETS MEDICATION

Properly storing your pet's medication is a vital step in keeping your guests and family safe. Medication should always be stored in a safe location that is out-of-sight and not accessible to children or animals. Use a locking cabinet or secured lockbox to keep medication out of unwanted hands.



DISCUSS ANY CONCERNS ABOUT OPIOID USAGE AND STORAGE WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN

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A rising concern in communities throughout the US is the illicit, human consumption of opioids that were prescribed by a veterinarian to treat pain in animals.

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In 2016, over two-thirds of all overdose deaths in the United States were due to opiate use.²

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Child-resistant containers (CRC) are not a fail-proof method for preventing accidental ingestion. A 2017 study found that CRC's only prevent about 45% of pediatric pharmaceutical poisonings events.³

