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Introduction

This procedure ensures that BADGER has a standardised approach to the denaturing and disposal of controlled drugs in accordance with controlled drug and waste legislation.

All destruction of CDs will comply with the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 as amended. All destruction of Schedule 2 CDs from stock will be witnessed by a person with the authority to do so. Disposal of waste is subject to legislation and is regulated by the Environment Agency. Controlled Drug waste includes medicinal waste and sharps waste. All disposals of CDs and sharps will comply with Hazardous Waste Regulations including Environmental law and DOH guidance.

Glossary

CD: Controlled Drug

Denature (for the purposes of this SOP): To alter the controlled drug to the extent that its consumption is rendered impossible or improbable.

Denaturing kit: A commercial product designed to render controlled drugs irretrievable.

1 Objectives

To ensure CDs and sharps waste no longer required are appropriately and safely removed from use or storage and are destroyed within current legislation.

2 T28 Exemption Certificate

BADGER is required to denature controlled drugs prior to disposal. BADGER has registered its exemption with the Environment Agency. **The Environment Agency has issued BADGER with a T28 Exemption Certificate – Number: WEX112166.**

- 3 Scope
- All CD waste produced by BADGER GP out of Hours services.
 - Examples of CD waste include expired, unused, spilt and contaminated CD products that are no longer required and need to be destroyed appropriately, and also items contaminated with residues such as syringe bodies and drug vials.
 - Examples of sharps waste include needles, hypodermic needles, and broken vials.

Excludes patients own previously prescribed medication.

4 Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the Medicines Management team to ensure that CDs are returned to the pharmacist in a safe, timely and appropriate manner, in line with the relevant legislation.

5 Process & Records

A. DISPOSAL OF PATIENT’S OWN CONTROLLED DRUGS

Individual doses of CDs that have been prescribed for a patient and are no longer required are the patient’s property (even after death). BADGER staff should advise patients or carers to return these to a community pharmacy.

B. DESTRUCTION OF STOCK CDs

1	Stock CDs (those that have not been issued to a patient) awaiting disposal, can be either expired (out-of-date) or no longer required (in-date).
2	Stock CDs for disposal must be stored in the CD cupboard, kept segregated from CDs in use and be clearly marked for disposal.
3	Stock that requires destruction must be returned to the pharmacy for disposal.
4	Healthcare professionals required by law to maintain a CD register may not destroy CDs from stock without a witness.
5	Destruction of Schedule 2 CDs must meet the requirements of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations and relevant Waste Regulations.
6	Appropriate records of Schedule 2 CD destruction must be made in the CD Register. The person destroying the CD must sign against ‘destroyed by and date’. The signature must be recognisable. The witness must sign against ‘witnessed by and date’. The signature must be recognisable.
7	Schedule 2 CDs can only be placed into waste containers after the CD has been rendered irretrievable (i.e. by denaturing)
8	Those CDs in Schedule 3 that are subject to Safe Custody requirements (temazepam, diethylpropion, buprenorphine and flunitrazepam) can only be placed into waste containers after the CD has been rendered irretrievable (i.e. by denaturing)
9	All CD waste produced by BADGER will be stored in appropriate containers, once denatured.

6 The denaturing process



The picture to the left is of standard CD denaturing kits.

7 Prohibited practices

- Controlled Drugs must never be disposed of before being denatured.
- Controlled Drugs must never be disposed of into the sewerage / water system.