



*The Maryland State Medical Society*

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**MEDCHI ENCOURAGES SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL AHEAD OF 30<sup>TH</sup>  
NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

**BALTIMORE, MD – April 21, 2026** — On **Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, will join the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in supporting **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**, a nationwide initiative to safely dispose of unneeded medications and help prevent prescription drug misuse and overdose.

As part of this important public health effort, the DEA and its national, state, and local partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription medications at **nearly 4,200 locations** across the country —free of charge and anonymously. Maryland residents are encouraged to participate by locating a nearby collection site using their ZIP code at [takebackday.dea.gov](https://takebackday.dea.gov).

“For sixteen years, the DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day has helped Americans safely dispose of unneeded medications—those that are old, unwanted, or expired—to prevent drug misuse and abuse.” said **Eric Wargotz, MD, FCAP, President of MedChi**. “During the most recent Take Back Day on October 25, 2025, more than **570,000 pounds (286 Tons)** of medications were collected.”

In partnership with local law enforcement, Take Back Day has removed more than **20.4 million pounds (10,200 tons)** of medications from circulation since its inception.

Collection sites **will not accept** syringes, sharps, or illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container, with caps tightly secured to prevent leakage.

This event is **free, anonymous, and open to the public**. By participating, Marylanders can play an important role in preventing prescription drug misuse and protecting their loved ones and communities.

For more information about the safe medication disposal or to find a local collection site, visit: [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com).

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. Formed in 1799, it is still the largest physician organization in Maryland today. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit [www.medchi.org](http://www.medchi.org).