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Linton Family Pharmacy Launches Drug Take Back Program
Linton Family Pharmacy accepting unused medications April 19th-30th for proper disposal

LINTON, IN- In response to news about the presence of pharmaceuticals contaminating the water supply and abuse of prescription drugs, Linton Family Pharmacy is now offering a new drug take back program to promote safe and proper disposal of drugs that may be dangerous to others and the environment.

From April 19th-30th, Linton Family Pharmacy will be accepting both over the counter and prescription medications for proper disposal. The program is free and only a few simple questions are required before returning a medication. Acceptable items include pills, tablets, capsules, ointments, creams, powders, inhalers, nebulizer solutions and liquid medications smaller than 4-ounces. There are some exclusions to the program for select drugs that, by law, cannot be returned.

“As pharmacists and members of the Greene County community, we are in a unique position to help ensure the safe and proper handling of medications, from dispensing to disposal,” said Jennifer Andrews, PharmD, program coordinator. “Unused or expired medications can pose a risk to our children, families, community and the environment. We welcome the community to come and talk to our pharmacy staff about how to store, use and properly dispose of medications.”

The need to properly dispose of medications and create more awareness of the harmful affects of improper disposal is rapidly growing. The Office of National

Drug Control Policy has found that prescription drugs are the drugs of choice among 12 and 13 year olds, while a third of all new abusers of prescription drugs were between the ages of 12 and 17. Additionally, more and more consumers are disposing of unused medicines by flushing them down the drain, which adds pharmaceutical pollution to our water. Medicines thrown in the trash can end up in landfills if not first picked up by children, pets, sanitation employees or anyone who rummages through trash.

Linton Family Pharmacy, 812-847-1978, is located at 60 A Street NW in downtown Linton, Indiana, and serves Linton and surrounding towns in Greene and Sullivan Counties. Linton Family Pharmacy offers prescription services, custom prescription compounding, medical equipment and supplies, scrubs and uniforms, as well as drive-up window services and free delivery. Linton Family Pharmacy participates in and welcomes all Medicare-D and Medicaid programs offered in Indiana. The pharmacy is also nationally accredited by the *American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics* as a medical equipment provider for the Medicare B program. The pharmacy's newly-revised website is LintonRx.com

Linton Family Pharmacy is owned and operated by Pharmacist Jeff Doris and wife Vickie Doris. They have three children, Emmalee, Samuel, and Lilliann, and the family lives, works and serves in Greene County, Indiana. Jeff Doris is a graduate of Butler University, Indianapolis, and Eastern Illinois University, and has served Greene County as a pharmacist for over 16 years.