

657—10.18 (124) Disposal. Any persons legally authorized to possess controlled substances in the course of their professional practice or the conduct of their business shall dispose of such drugs pursuant to the procedures and requirements of this rule. Disposal records shall be maintained in the files of the registrant.

10.18(1) *Registrant stock supply.* Pharmacy personnel, registrants, and registrant staff shall remove from current inventory and dispose of controlled substances by one of the following procedures.

a. The responsible individual shall utilize the services of a DEA-registered and Iowa-licensed disposal firm.

b. The board may authorize and instruct the registrant to dispose of the controlled substances in one of the following manners:

(1) By delivery to an agent of the board or to the board office;

(2) By destruction of the drugs in the presence of a board officer, agent, inspector, or other authorized individual; or

(3) By such other means as the board may determine to ensure that drugs do not become available to unauthorized persons.

10.18(2) *Waste.* Except as otherwise specifically provided by federal or state law or rules of the board, the unused portion of a controlled substance resulting from administration to a patient from a registrant's stock or emergency supply or resulting from drug compounding operations may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the registrant or a pharmacist in witness of one other licensed health care provider or a registered pharmacy technician 18 years of age or older pursuant to this subrule. A written record of the wastage shall be made and maintained by the registrant for a minimum of two years following the destruction or other disposal. The record shall include the signatures of the individual destroying or otherwise disposing of the waste controlled substance and of the witnessing licensed health care provider or registered pharmacy technician and shall identify the following:

a. The controlled substance wasted;

b. The date of destruction or other disposition;

c. The quantity or estimated quantity of the wasted controlled substance;

d. The source of the controlled substance, including identification of the patient to whom the substance was administered or the drug compounding process utilizing the controlled substance; and

e. The reason for the waste.

10.18(3) *Previously dispensed controlled substances.* Controlled substances dispensed to or for a patient and subsequently requiring destruction due to discontinuance of the drug, death of the patient, or other reasons necessitating destruction may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by a pharmacist in witness of one other responsible adult pursuant to this subrule. All licenses and registrations issued to the pharmacy, the pharmacist, and any individual witnessing the destruction or other disposition shall not be subject to sanctions relating to controlled substances at the time of the destruction or disposition. The individuals involved in the destruction or other disposition shall not have been subject to any criminal, civil, or administrative action relating to violations of controlled substances laws, rules, or regulations within the past five years. The pharmacist in charge shall be responsible for designating pharmacists authorized to participate in the destruction or other disposition pursuant to this subrule. The authorized pharmacist shall prepare and maintain in the pharmacy a readily retrievable record of the destruction or other disposition, which shall be clearly marked to indicate the destruction or other disposition of noninventory or patient drugs. The record shall include, at a minimum, the following:

a. The source of the controlled substance (patient identifier or administering practitioner, if applicable, prescription number or other unique identification number, and date of return);

b. The name, strength, and dosage form of the substance;

c. The quantity returned and destroyed or otherwise disposed of;

d. The date the substance is destroyed or otherwise disposed of;

e. The signatures or other unique identification of the pharmacist and the witness;

f. The name and address of the dispensing pharmacy or practitioner if the controlled substance was not dispensed by the pharmacy completing the destruction.

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