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Don't hold on to opioids

We're looking for pills, capsules, they can be vitamins, they can be herbals, they can be prescription medications that you were given that you're no longer taking. Obviously where a big concern is to try remove all opioids out of medicine cabinets that you might have been taking for an acute injury that you didn't need to take the whole bottle and were just sitting around in your cabinet waiting to be able to find a way to dispose of them. Sharing opioids absolutely should never be done without going through your primary care provider. :37

Long way to go still with opioids

All national data indicates about 65% of patients receive the opioids from a friend or family member and they're usually medications that's left over from acute injury. And when I say they receive them from a family member, it could be that they weren't given to them, they were sitting in a cabinet, a friend comes over or a relative comes over and sees them in the medicine cabinet and they basically take them without permission. :36

Take advantage of the weekend

The DEA is going to take care of disposing of all these medications. They will go straight from the site to the Peoria Police department where they'll be secured, the DEA will come there and pick them up. It's a convenient way to get rid of your medications, you don't have to make a trip downtown to Saint Francis or to one of the sites at Saint Francis that has a take back box. We really wanted to be able to make this convenient for the north side of Peoria and the Dunlap area. :33

Anonymous

It's totally anonymous. You take them, put them in a box, the box gets sealed up. Nobody goes through it to see what medications are returned by whom and it goes straight to the DEA, it will be picked up and taken straight to Indianapolis and will be destroyed. :20