

DISPOSAL OF EXPIRED MEDICINES, EMPTY MEDICINE BOTTLES AND USED SYRINGES AND NEEDLES

Needles	
1	All needles and scalpel blades should be disposed of in a Sharps bin which should be stored in the medicine storage area
2	Once full, the Sharps bin can be returned to the practice. However, the Sharps bin should be sealed with the name of the farm clearly labelled on the side
3	No plastics (including syringes) or glass should be placed in the Sharps bin
Syringes	
1	All used syringes should be disposed of by placing in a plastic bag hung in the medicine storage area. The bag should be clearly labelled " Used syringes only "
2	Used or expired plastic medicine bottles can be disposed of through the "Used syringe bag"
3	Do not place needles or glass in the "used syringe bag"
4	The bag of used syringes can be disposed of through the practice
5	The plastic syringe cases can be disposed through the normal refuse collection service
Medicine Bottles	
1	All used and expired glass medicine bottles should be disposed of by placing in a separate bag or container labelled " Medicine bottles "
2	Do not place needles or syringes in the "Medicine bottles" bag or container
3	Bottles of prostaglandin (Planate™, Lutalyse™ or Estrumate™) must be returned to the practice separately not through the routine glass disposal system
4	Once $\frac{3}{4}$ full the medicine bottle bag or container can be disposed of through the practice