

OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

## **DISCHARGE MEDICATIONS**

When a patient is discharged from the hospital, their unused medications should either be sent home with the client or returned to the Dispensary for credit or disposal. The Dispensary will give credit on everything except unusable items (examples include but are not limited to injections, non-controlled tablets that have been split, and compounds). When medications are returned, Dispensary personnel will complete the required paperwork and enter the credit on the patient account in Vetstar.

Dispensary staff will remove inpatient controlled substances from Cubex and credit what they can. Medications removed from Cubex that are not able to be credited will be wasted and disposed of.

The Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act requires that medications labeled for one patient may only be used for that patient. This requires that all leftover patient medications be removed from the patient care areas and not used for other patients.