DONATING DRUG SAMPLES

Through the generosity of our many partners, St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy is able to provide free medications to the uninsured and underinsured of Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, and Warren counties. Over the years, physicians and healthcare staff have been instrumental in helping us stock our pharmacy with prescription drug samples which are dispensed at no charge to patients in need.

The work we do would not be possible without your help! Here is information to help make this crucial donation as easy for you as possible:

Is donating drug samples legal?

- Yes. The Ohio Board of Pharmacy, under OAC 4729-36-04, allows for the donation of drug samples to a charitable pharmacy by a prescriber practicing in a location that is licensed as a terminal distributor.

What drug samples are you able to accept?

- Drug samples must not have any physical signs of tampering of the drug or packaging and must display a clear expiration date and lot number.
- The charitable pharmacy cannot accept expired drug samples, controlled substances, or birth control. Please, try to donate drug samples with at least a 6-month time frame before expiration.
- Critical needs at the charitable pharmacy are inhalers and insulin, but prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, medical devices, medical supplies, vitamins, and dietary supplements are always needed.

What paperwork is required?

- The charitable pharmacy staff will complete a record of the drug sample transfer during pick-up.
- A copy of the drug sample transfer record should be filed at your office for at least three years.

Who do I contact to schedule a pick-up?

- Lydia Bailey, Clinical Pharmacist, at 513-562-8841 ext. 220 or lbailey@svdpcincinnati.org
- Please allow up to 2 weeks for our pharmacy staff to pick up your donation.

What should I do to prepare for a pick-up?

- Separate the drug samples you wish to donate from your regular stock.
- Our pharmacy team will do the rest!

Thank you for your contribution to help the needy of Cincinnati and our surrounding communities!