



The National Return & Disposal of Unwanted Medicines Limited

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Rum Project Extends its Reach

Simon Appel, Project Manager for the *Return Unwanted Medicines (RUM) Project*, today announced guidelines for the collection and disposal of “collected” medicines by Pharmacists when conducting Home Medicines Reviews (HMRs).

The Guidelines follow deliberations by a working party comprising accredited pharmacists (Toni Riley – Pharmacy Guild National Councillor, and Sue Scott – PSA Councillor Queensland Branch), AACP representative (Bill Kelly - Chief Executive Officer), regulatory representative (Steve Marty - Registrar Pharmacy Board of Victoria) and RUM Project Manager Simon Appel. Pharmaceutical Defence Limited (PDL) also provided considerations to the Guidelines.

AACP Consultant Pharmacist of the Year 2008, Debbie Rigby, said “I am pleased to support this important initiative. These guidelines formalise the collection process for HMRs, and it is appropriate that the RUM Project took the initiative on this matter”.

The initiative was also highlighted by Senator Jan McLucas during the 10 year Anniversary celebrations of the RUM Project in Canberra in Canberra early this month. Senator McLucas said “I’d also like to acknowledge the work initiated by the *RUM Project* which has prepared guidelines for accredited pharmacists conducting medication reviews, and collecting unwanted medicines in the home. I look forward to the positive impact this will make”.

Simon Appel said that collection “bags” designed specifically for use in HMRs are designed and will be available soon. “These containers will be provided by the RUM Project office at no charge to Pharmacists, and will provide a specific vehicle for collection and return to community pharmacies for ultimate disposal” Mr Appel said.

Collection bags can be ordered via e-mail, telephone or facsimile at the contacts listed below.

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