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Secure drug disposal now offered at Akron Children's in Boardman

BOARDMAN, Ohio (May 2, 2019) – Akron Children's Hospital is now collecting unused prescription medications in a secure dropbox at the Beeghly Campus in Boardman.

The hospital recently installed the collection box that is part of the LifeInCheck Consumer Drug Take-Back program. It's located at 6505 Market St. in the lobby of Building A.

While many communities participate in annual drug collection events, having the receptacle available permanently will allow Akron Children's to provide the public with an easily accessible site to dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications.

"This will give the community a safe place to drop off unused medications," said Sarrah Hein, pharmacy manager at Akron Children's Beeghly Campus. "We hope this will lead to fewer prescriptions in patients' homes that could be potentially abused or accidentally ingested."

Accepted in the dropbox are unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications and pet medications. Not accepted are illegal drugs, inhalers, needles, liquids and lotions.

For more information, call 330-746-8700.

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About Akron Children's Hospital

Akron Children's Hospital is ranked among the best pediatric hospitals by U.S. News & World Report. Founded in 1890, Akron Children's is an independent children's hospital with two hospital campuses in northeast Ohio and more than 60 primary, specialty and urgent care locations. Akron Children's collaborates with many community partners to bring its neonatal and pediatric expertise to patients in their healthcare facilities. The hospital, which has more than a 1 million patient visits annually, also cares for children through its home care and school health programs, and advances pediatric health care through education, advocacy, community service and research.

