



INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL COMMUNICATION FORM Return of Unused Supplies

PART 1: ISSUE & RECOMMENDATIONS

Issue:

Returning unused supplies to Stores has the potential to contaminate Stores, which may result in microorganism transmission.

The nurse or home care office may not have full knowledge of all the Infection Prevention & Control issues that may be occurring in the client's residence. The environment where the supplies were kept cannot be fully known or controlled. Therefore the cleanliness/sterility of the supplies cannot be guaranteed.

Recommendations:

1. A supply excess can be avoided by only ordering supplies for a one month period only
2. If there is still an excess of supplies in the client's residence the client/client's family can donate it to a veterinary clinic, no-kill animal shelter or dispose of it in the household garbage.

PART 2: BACKGROUND: DISCUSSION OF ISSUE, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS & REFERENCES

Discussion of Issue:

Options and Analysis:

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References:

1. Effective Sterilization in Health Care Facilities by the Steam Process. (2009). Canadian Standards Association CSA Z314.3-09.
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