



## Patient Resources

### How to Dispose of Needles

Certain medical conditions and medications require self-injection. It is important to dispose of all used needles, syringes, or "sharps" safely to avoid harm to humans and the environment, as well as to control the spread of disease.

Our local South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has developed the "Get the Point" program with simple instructions to dispose of your used needles.



Step 1: Put the sticker on an empty bleach or detergent bottle.



Step 2: Place used needles or lancets in the bottle.



Step 3: Put the cap on the bottle.



Step 4: When the bottle is 3/4 full, secure the cap and throw the bottle into the trash.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Always remember to place the warning sticker on bottles!

For **FREE** warning stickers, call [1-800-285-5257](tel:1-800-285-5257).

For questions regarding the "Get the Point" program, please call [803-898-0239](tel:803-898-0239).

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