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Take-Back Drives Collect 726 Pounds of Medication
At HSHS hospitals in Green Bay, Oconto Falls and Sheboygan

Green Bay – More than 700 pounds of unused medications have been collected for safe and proper disposal thanks to Medication Take-Back drives at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center in Green Bay; HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital in Sheboygan and HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls.

The three hospitals took part in the statewide prescription take-back day on Saturday, April 27 to collect prescription and over-the-counter medications. Colleagues, along with law enforcement, assisted at each hospital collection site.

“Medication take-back events help to prevent theft, opioid abuse and accidental poisonings of children and pets,” said Sue Wheeler, the Director of Pharmacy for HSHS Eastern Wisconsin Division hospitals. “They also protect our waterways. Once we collect the medications, they are incinerated rather than flushed or rinsed down a drain – actions that are toxic to our environment.”

Total Pounds Collected at Each Site

- HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center, Green Bay: **435 pounds**
- HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital, Sheboygan: **245 pounds** (An additional 198 pounds was collected at four additional sites in the Sheboygan area as part of an effort led by Healthy Sheboygan County 2020).
- HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, Oconto Falls: **46 pounds**

HSHS hospitals in Eastern Wisconsin host medication take-back events each year in the spring and fall.

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About HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center

HS•H St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center has been delivering quality health care to Green Bay and its surrounding communities since 1903. Patients benefit from a comprehensive range of services that include cancer care, women’s services, emergency care, preventive care across the lifespan, digestive health, orthopedic, and cardiac care. An affiliate of Hospital Sisters Health System, the hospital’s primary purpose is to continue Christ’s healing love through the delivery of competent and compassionate health care in an environment sensitive to the needs of all people. HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital Medical Center has been named
one of the “100 Top Hospitals” nationwide and is accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. An affiliate of Hospital Sisters Health System, we draw on the history of St. Francis of Assisi as we move to continue serving the health care needs of our area in Christ’s healing ministry, caring for all people.

About HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital
HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital has been delivering high quality health care to Sheboygan and its surrounding communities since 1890. HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital provides a comprehensive range of services that include cancer care, women’s services, 24-hour emergency care, digestive health, orthopedics, cardiac, home health and hospice care. The hospital’s primary purpose is to continue Christ’s healing love through the delivery of high quality and compassionate health care in an environment sensitive to the needs of all people. HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. An affiliate of Hospital Sisters Health System, we draw on the history of St. Francis of Assisi as we move to continue serving the health care needs of our area in Christ’s healing ministry, caring for all people. To learn more, visit [www.stnicholashospital.org](http://www.stnicholashospital.org).

About HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital
HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital serves Oconto Falls and the surrounding communities as a federally-designated critical access hospital with a 24-hour emergency department, urgent care, general, vascular and orthopedic surgical services, inpatient and outpatient surgical and diagnostic services, rehabilitation, oncology outpatient clinic and women’s care. HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, in affiliation with Prevea Health, has six regional health center locations in Gillett, Lena, Mountain, Oconto, Oconto Falls and Suring. HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital Pharmacies are located in Gillett and Oconto Falls. Founded in 1921 as Community Memorial Hospital, in 2014, HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital became the fourteenth hospital in Hospital Sisters Health System. As an affiliate of Hospital Sisters Health System, we draw on the history of St. Francis of Assisi as we move to continue serving the health care needs of our area in Christ’s healing ministry, caring for all people. For more information about St. Clare, visit [www.stclarememorial.org](http://www.stclarememorial.org).

About Hospital Sisters Health System
Hospital Sisters Health System’s (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ’s healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O’Fallon, Shelbyville and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries. For more information about HSHS, visit [www.hshs.org](http://www.hshs.org). For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit [www.hospitalsisters.org](http://www.hospitalsisters.org).