Focus on Drug Information

... or medication information, or drug informatics: the
discovery, use, and management of information in the use of
medications and other supplements. This information covers
identification (names, makers, descriptors & chemical makeup),
use, pharmacotherapy, dosage, adverse effects, interactions,
alternatives & comparisons, and even potential cost.

The Health Sciences Library Drug & Supplement Information Guide offers many useful sites to get the detailed
information you might need.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Saturday, April 24, 2021

Federal guidelines and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommend that disposal of most unused medications
should not be accomplished by flushing them down the toilet or drain, as this can pose a risk to human health or the
environment. Some can be, and there are other safe methods of disposal that the FDA outlines - check out Where and
How to Dispose of Unused Medicines.

"The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of
disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications."(US
Drug Enforcement Administration - DEA)

In Potsdam, the Police Department will be collecting these at the Kinney Drugs at 48 Maple Street 10am-2pm (4/24/21).

Or use the DEA site to identify another location, a year-round drop-off point, or find information about additional safe
disposal methods.

Some Related Reading:
Laughing Gas, Viagra, and Lipitor: The Human Stories Behind the Drugs We use

Read Weekly Notes from previous dates.

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Want to meet with me? Check my calendar to set up a Zoom meeting.