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Association of
American Cancer Institutes

“ In 2022 I got the diagnosis of breast cancer...

My medicine was **too difficult to afford**. My doctors and I had to fight and wait until we could find someone who would donate it.

I did not have any other option. It was a stressful time. ”



- **Anne**^{*}, a patient in treatment for breast cancer in Illinois

**name has been changed to anonymize patient*

Medical costs prevent patients from getting care



61% of cancer patients and survivors find it difficult to afford their care.

Low-income patients are likelier to **delay or skip** filling a prescription to save money and are more apt to **cut pills in half** to reduce costs.

\$11B of surplus medications go unused each year



Patient events

Drug & dosage changes, discharges, and discontinuation leave meds unused



Safety stock

Manufacturers and wholesalers carry safety stock



Cosmetic damage

Cosmetic damaged during distribution or manufacturing isn't sold



Clinical trials

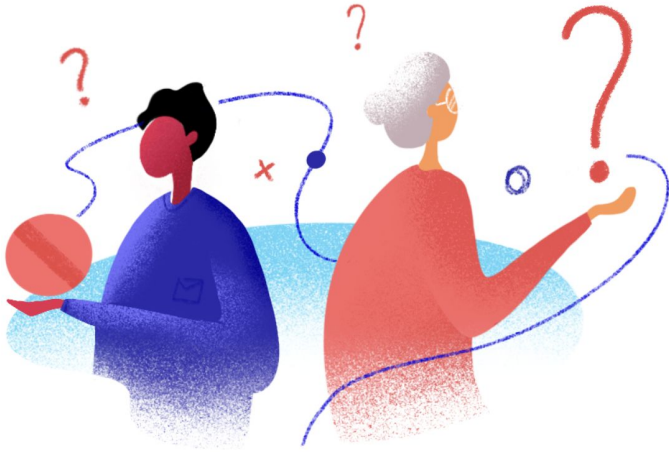
FDA-approved, comparator drugs go unused at the end of trials



Returned drugs

Pharmacies, wholesalers, etc. return unused medicines to for credit

There is \$2 Billion of Surplus in Oncology



Cancer patients regularly have **extra medicine** from prescription changes, adverse reactions, recovery, or other circumstances.



No satisfactory disposal method exists



Every pound of active ingredient produced generates up to **30,000 pounds** of waste

Compounds from oncology drugs are increasingly found in water sources, including **drinking water**.

These compounds harm living organisms, and there is currently no way to remove the contamination, allowing **uncontrolled spread**.

We can do better.



Drug Donation Laws in the US

Many states have legal frameworks that allow for drug donation, whether via charitable pharmacy, repository programs, etc.

Drug donation laws:

- Allow redispensing of unused drugs
- For patients that are in need
- No resale of donated medicine
- Good Samaritan liability protection

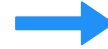
Drug Donation Programs in the US



Medicine donors include:
individuals, manufacturers,
nursing homes



Recipient orgs include:
pharmacies and clinics



Patients receive donated
medicine



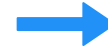
SIRUM helps lower the barrier to donation.



SIRUM works with policymakers to support Drug Donation laws.



SIRUM helps individuals and organizations donate their medicine instead of destroying it.



SIRUM matches donated medicine with clinics and pharmacies who dispense medicine to patients in need.



Join Us



Patients *want* to donate.

“I can’t describe the pleasure and satisfaction I am getting from being able to pass on this extremely expensive, yet unused medication.”

“I hope my donation will be able to help someone in need. You offer a great service”

“This makes me feel so much better knowing this will help ease someone's medical financial burden.”



Quotes from real medicine donors

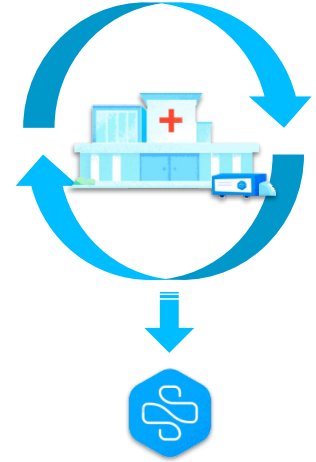
Ways Cancer Centers partner with SIRUM



Option 1: Padded Mailers



Option 2: Referral Flyers



Option 3: Facility Transfers



Padded Mailers



1. SIRUM provides Cancer Center with mailers for patients.
2. Staff gives mailer to patients with surplus.
3. Patient signs a form and ships meds using mailer.



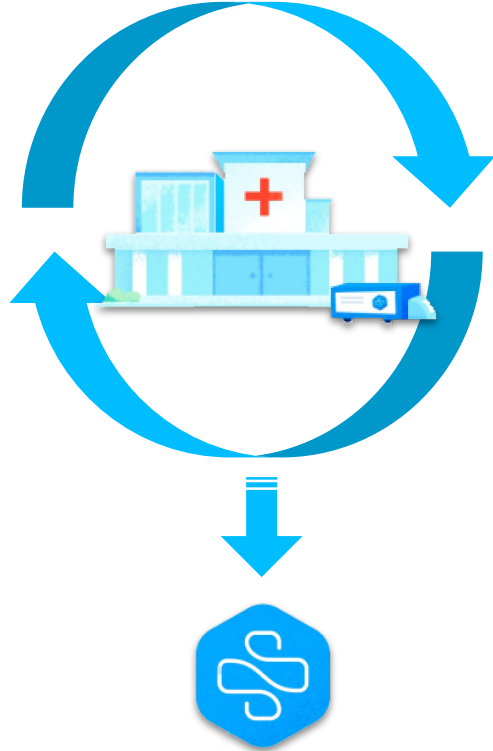
Referral Flyers



1. SIRUM partner receives referral flyers to hand patients.
2. Referral flyers instruct patients with surplus meds how to donate for free
3. Patient sends donation via SIRUM's individual donations process.



Facility Transfers



1. Partner collects donations from individuals.
2. They dispense the surplus meds to patients within their system who need the medicine.
3. Remaining surplus is donated through SIRUM.



The Impact



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IMPACT TO DATE

\$325M+

of medicine distributed
to community partners

800K+

patients
reached



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Thanks to a partnership with a cancer center, we were able to get Anne the medicine she needed to survive.



“ When I learned I would receive [my] medication for free, I was very emotional. It gave me hope that I would survive.

Donating cancer medication is important because it gives patients like me the possibility of living longer and having more time with their family. ”

Expert Profiles



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Cleveland Clinic - Referral Flyer Partner

- Refers patients to SIRUM to donate surplus through referral flyers
- \$1.3 Million in medication donated since February 2025



The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (The James)

Jennifer Booth, PharmD, MS, BCPS
Assistant Director - Cancer Pharmacy Services

The James



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

- OSUCCC – James has an internal repository since 2020. Initially piloted with 2 oncology drugs and has expanded to 80+ oncology drugs and 20+ non-oncology drugs.
- Impact value: ~30,000 tablets/capsules re-dispensed to eligible patients with financial need worth ~6.8 million.
- Donates surplus medications to SIRUM with 11,000+ tablets/capsules donated worth ~2.8 million dollars since 2024.



“To the people who donated this medication, I wish them a life full of blessings. I thank them for their solidarity ... I am grateful they helped me.”

-Anne





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Thank you!

Want to learn more? Reach out to george@sirum.org.