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# Pharmaceutical waste: Is your facility at risk?

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## Invite

A continuing education activity for pharmacists.

### Program Description

Every year, hospital pharmacies in the United States purchase over 4 billion hazardous pharmaceuticals and generate more than 84,000 tons of hazardous waste. In a recent U.S. Geologic Survey, pharmaceutical contaminants were found in 80% of sampled water streams, contaminating drinking water. Unless pharmaceutical waste is properly managed, it poses serious risks—not only to the environment but also to hospitals and their bottom line.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that pharmaceutical waste be managed safely from the moment it is generated to when it is appropriately disposed. Pharmacists are accountable for this “cradle to grave” management of pharmaceutical waste at their facility, and may be held personally liable.

State regulatory activity is increasing, and TJC surveyors are beginning to ask questions about waste disposal. Complex handling requirements are specific to each medication classification, and vary at federal, state and local levels. The challenge is to accurately and efficiently identify, classify, sort and segregate pharmaceutical waste, while providing the necessary documentation to facilitate tracking and regulatory controls.

## Schedule

### Webcast

January 20, 2012  
12 Noon EST (9 AM PST)  
60 minutes

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### Questions

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