

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

Appendix B: Overview of Pharmaceutical Collection Programs Outside of California (Part of Publication #DRRR-2011-008)

International Programs	Canada: Alberta*	Canada: British Columbia*	Canada: Nova Scotia*	Canada: Saskatchewan*	Return Unwanted Medicines (RUM) Project	France : Cyclamed Program	Portugal: Valormed Program	Integrated Waste MaNAgement System (SIGRE)	Sweden: Apoteket AB Environmental Program
Sources	1	1, 13	1	1	1	1	1	1, 12	1
Type of Funding	Mainly Industry & small provincial gov't grants	Industry	Industry	Community Pharmacies	Mainly Federal Gov't (with some Industry)	Industry, pharmacies, wholesalers	Pharmaceutical companies pay an eco-fee of 0.00504 Euro for each package placed in market	Pharmaceutical industry based on vol. of sales	Federal government. Apoteket is a national retail pharmacy. Also takes meds from hospitals, vets, dentists, etc.
Start date	1988	1996	Mid 90s	1997	1999	1993	2001	2003	1970
Population (2006)*	3,300,000	4,300,000	930,000	990,000	20,000,000	63,000,000	10,600,000	45,200,000	9,100,000
Collection point	Pharmacies	Pharmacies	Pharmacies	Pharmacies	Pharmacies	Pharmacies	Pharmacies	Pharmacies	Pharmacies
Stewardship Organizations		Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association (PCPSA) is a non-profit						SIGRE is a non-profit stewardship org	
Total program cost (US \$, 2006)	NA	\$333,606	\$34,808	NA	\$1,144,802	\$3,878,534	NA	NA	\$1,149,775
Cost(\$)/capita (preliminary estimate)	NA	\$0.08	\$0.04	NA	\$0.06	\$0.06	NA	NA	\$0.13
Cost (\$)/unit collected	NA	\$0.006/pill	\$.001/pill	NA	NA	0.4 euros/ kilo	NA	NA	1.6 eruo/ kilo

EOL materials management (% of total program cost)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	63%	NA	NA	NA
Environmental									
Did collection include primary packaging?		no						yes	
Product collected (metric tonnes)	37	35.7	\$	16.4	NA	13,169	694	2,624	1019
Percent collected (from available for collection)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	80%	NA	NA	65-75%
Program effectiveness									
Pharmacy Participation (Total #)	900	942	259	350	5000	22,500	2,786	20,406	980
Pharmacy Participation (Percent)	100	95	100	90	100	85	98.5	100	100
Collection Per Capita (kilograms/capita)	0.01	0.008	0.01	0.02	0.017	0.21 (0.09 w/o pkg)	0.054	0.058	0.1
Public awareness/participation	NA	NA	NA	NA	60%	77%	NA	NA	43%

* Other Canadian provinces have programs, these four were selected for their performance with one of the following factors: high collection, high collection/capita, or low cost.

State Programs	Colorado: Pilot	Iowa: Pilot	Maine: pilot	Washington State: Pilot
Sources	3, 8,9	3, 5, 7	2, 3	3, 4, 5, 10, 11
Type of Funding	USEPA leases 10 collection boxes; State grants (public health and pollution prevention) \$27,000, Local water agency	State grants to participating pharmacies (funded by grant) or consumers purchase mail back envelopes	USEPA grant for mail back program	Public and Private Sectors (variety of federal, state and local govt entities, health coop, and pharmacy chain)
Start date	2009	2009	2007	2006
Population (2006)*	4,751,474	2,967,270	1,313,355	6,360,529
Collection Point	Pharmacies & local health agencies	Pharmacies or mail back	Mail Back	Pharmacies
Total program cost (US \$, 2006), except as noted	Unclear. Variety of sources. Some amounts not specified.	\$165,000 (over 3 years)	\$150,000 (over 2 years)	NA
Cost(\$)/capita	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cost (\$)/unit sold				\$0.01 to \$0.02 per container
Cost (\$)/unit collected	NA	NA	\$18.79/mailer (actual & in-kind costs phase I and II), \$7.50 /mailer phase III (longer term), ave. weight of mailer 7 ounces	NA
Environmental				
Product (with its packaging)	NA	NA	1.15 tons	5 tons
Percent collected (from available for collection)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Program effectiveness				
Pharmacy Participation (Total #)	NA	NA	NA	54 MWR facilities, 1,300 pharmacies
Pharmacy Participation (Percent)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Collection Per Capita (kilograms/capita)	NA	NA	NA	NA

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Public awareness/participation	NA	NA	NA	NA

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