



Dispose of your unwanted or expired medications

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TerryWhite Chemmart and Sanofi partner with The RUM Project to Promote Safe Responsible Medication Disposal

TerryWhite Chemmart joins Sanofi, one of Australia's largest medicines and vaccines suppliers, to raise awareness of the Return of Unwanted Medicines (RUM) program nationally. Known as The RUM Project, the initiative has already disposed of 12.5 million kilograms of medicinal waste over the past 22 years[1], and aims to reduce the impact of unwanted or out-of-date medicines on the environment through safe and responsible disposal.

"Together with our partners at Sanofi, this campaign is about reminding customers all Australians to dispose of their unwanted medications safely by visiting their local TerryWhite Chemmart pharmacy" said Nick Munroe, Executive General Manager of TerryWhite Chemmart.

"Storage of expired and unwanted medicines in the home can be dangerous, and unsafe disposal of unwanted medicines can lead to environmental harm. These are risks we don't want our communities to be worried about when disposing of these medicines is as easy as visiting your local TerryWhite Chemmart pharmacy for free, safe disposal," added Mr Munroe.

"With over 550 TerryWhite Chemmart pharmacies and the team at Sanofi working together, we can deliver healthier environments for all Australians, no matter where we work or live," he continued.

Sanofi Australia, led by Country Lead Karen Hood, has been a partner of Return Unwanted Medicines since 2021. "We partnered with Return Unwanted Medicines because we understand the importance of ensuring unwanted or out-of-date medicines are handled sustainably and do not become an unnecessary risk to Australia's environment and waterways.

"We know that people want to do the right thing by the planet and that includes disposing of their medicines correctly. They just don't know how. Since partnering with Return Unwanted Medicines, our team has helped raise awareness and utilisation of the program across our community. Together with the passionate team at TerryWhite Chemmart we aim to boost further action, celebrate the program's success, and reduce the impact of unwanted and out-of-date medicines across Australia.

"This partnership is another example of our accelerated efforts to address climate change and minimise the environmental impact of our business and products, which also includes decarbonising, eco-design of product packaging, and waste reduction."

[1] returnmed.com.au



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Toni Riley is a Pharmacist and Program Director of Return Unwanted Medicines who says, “This is a first for Return Unwanted Medicines. Partnering with Australia’s largest pharmacy network TerryWhite Chemmart and global healthcare company Sanofi, means we have the chance to reach and inform people at each stage of a medicines’ lifecycle. The last piece of the puzzle are Australians who have out-of-date or unwanted medicines in their home. Our free and convenient service is available to everyone, and I am optimistic that this campaign will help even more people to take action.”

TerryWhite Chemmart and Sanofi encourage all Australians to dispose of their unwanted medications safely by visiting their local pharmacy. Together, we can make a difference in reducing the impact of unwanted or out-of-date medicine on the environment.

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Return Unwanted Medicines

Return Unwanted Medicines is a national not-for-profit company funded by the Commonwealth Government through the Department of Health to address the Quality Use of Medicines in Australia. The RUM Project is one of the first initiatives that provides consumers with a free and convenient way to dispose of expired and unwanted medicines. Anyone can return their household medicines to any community pharmacy anytime, for safe collection and disposal. Learn more at www.returnmed.com.au.

TerryWhite Chemmart

TerryWhite Chemmart is one of Australia’s leading community pharmacy networks delivering frontline healthcare. With more than 550 community pharmacies across Australia, we are committed to ensuring every Australian has easier access to pharmacists and expert health advice every day. TerryWhite Chemmart provides high-quality, accessible, and cost-effective community-based health care services and programs.

Sanofi

We are an innovative global healthcare company, driven by one purpose: we chase the miracles of science to improve people’s lives. Our team, across some 100 countries, is dedicated to transforming the practice of medicine by working to turn the impossible into the possible. We provide potentially life-changing treatment options and life-saving vaccine protection to millions of people globally, while putting sustainability and social responsibility at the centre of our ambitions.

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