

MEDICATION WASTAGE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

Highlights



The discovery of potentially significant medication wastage at residential care facilities, stemming from the unnecessary return and subsequent discarding of patient medications when doses were changed or medications discontinued, led to this project.

A 4-week study showed that 13% of residents had their pills discarded each month.

Province-wide, this extrapolates to 2.5 million pills discarded each month.

Results and recommendations, such as changing the default medication order from STAT to next weekly medical pouch, were published in a BCMJ article in 2018.



Project Complete (2016 — 2017)