

CFHI Collaborative Series

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Safe Medication Storage and Disposal

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Discussion Guide

1. Individuals, families, and communities are all affected by addiction. How is your audience impacted by substance abuse and addiction?
2. Discuss the difference between dependence and addiction. How would your approach to medication safety differ?
3. What are various risk factors for developing an opioid addiction? What risk factors are relevant to your audience?
4. How does your audience perceive the risk of opioid use? How can you concisely educate your audience on the dangers of opioid use?
5. Medication lockboxes are a safe, secure way to store prescription medication. What are other ways people can safely store medication in their home?
6. What are some ways to reduce the stigma surrounding medication storage and disposal?
7. What resources in your local community support the CLD initiative?
8. Discuss ways to engage patients, prescribers, and communities in promoting alternatives to opioid medication.