

# Managing Medication Inventory as a Pharmacy Technician

## Multi-Use Vials:

- Be aware of expiration dates after poking vial
- Record date that vial was opened/expires
- Be aware of drugs that expire in less than 24 hours once punctured

## Drug shortages:

- Double checking priority patients
- Avoid changing continuing treatments
- Look into other distributors
  - Capping/rounding doses if needed

## Single Dose Vials:

- Always discard after use

## Refrigerated Items:

- Know which drugs require refrigeration after opening and the time frame in which they expire

## Routine Checks:

- Check monthly for expired inventory
- Check monthly for any unused medications (possible returns)
- Use early exp dates when possible
  - Hard count inventory monthly

## Bio-similars:

- Be up to date on insurance preferences

## Fast Movers:

- Commonly used drugs within your practice
- Always have extra on hand
- Allow for frequent dose changes

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