

Waste Management Pharmaceutical Waste Expert Quoted in *Modern Healthcare* magazine

Charlotte Smith, Director of PharmEcology Services at Waste Management, was interviewed for the May 24th edition of *Modern Healthcare*. In an article titled, “Putting Hospitals on Notice”, Smith was interviewed about current and emerging trends in pharmacy waste practices by hospitals.

The *Modern Healthcare* article focuses on how better science is providing researchers with the ability to detect tiny concentrations of pharmaceuticals in drinking water. As a result, state and federal regulators and lawmakers are interested in preventing unused pharmaceuticals from being dumped, flushed, or sent to landfills.

Smith leads a team of pharmaceutical experts at Waste Management, many of whom are registered pharmacists with more than 20 years experience each. Smith founded PharmEcology Associates, LLC, certain assets of which were purchased in 2009 by WM Healthcare Solutions, Inc., a Waste Management company.

Waste Management offers a proprietary and patented database, the **PharmE**[®] Waste Wizard^{SM*}, which allows hospitals to identify the pharmaceutical compounds in their inventory that are classified as RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) hazardous waste. In doing so, hospitals are able to greatly lower their potential risk of non-compliance in a cost-effective manner.

The article closes with mentioning that the EPA is very interested in hospital practices relative to pharmaceutical waste. After surveying the industry, the EPA’s Office of Water plans to issue a set of best practices, which are expected to be published by the end of the year.

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* U.S. Patent 7,096,161 and U.S. Patent 7,366,640 B2