Organizing Body: The Island Medication Return Program (IMRP) and Island Sharps Collection Program (ISCP) are administered by the Health Product Stewardship Association (HPSA), a non-profit organization funded and governed by the health product industries.

Program Description: The IMRP and ISCP were created after Prince Edward Island passed the Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations in June of 2014, requiring Brand Owners (Producers) of medical sharps and pharmaceutical products to establish a stewardship program and stating the program requirements that Producers must meet. Under the Regulation, retailers must display education and awareness program information that is supplied to it by the Brand Owner’s agent. The programs are set to launch on June 1, 2015.

Funding: Funding from the industry will cover expenses incurred in the collection, transportation, storage, disposal, promotion activities and education in connection with the ISCP and IMRP.

Program Costs: N/A

Program Chronology:

- 1999: The Post-Consumer Pharmaceutical Stewardship Association (now called the Heath Products Stewards Association) is created and its mandate is to manage unused or expired medications.
- June 10, 2014: Prince Edward Island passed the Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations under the Environmental Protection Act, requiring Brand Owners (Producers) of medical sharps and pharmaceutical products to establish a stewardship program and stating the program requirements that Producers must meet.
- Program plans for both programs have been approved and will cover a five year period beginning June 1, 2015 through December 31, 2020 after which the program plan will undergo a review.

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Collection Locations:

- Under the IMRP, retail pharmacies will voluntarily host collection \(^5\)
- Under the ISCP, retail pharmacies with a public facing dispensary will voluntarily act as collection locations \(^6\)

Results: N/A
