

Donating Ostomy and Medical Supplies

General tips:

Supplies must be clean, and unused. Accessory products like powder and paste must not be open.

1. Clean, unused but expired supplies could be used for teaching so check with your local nursing school. Some charities may take expired products but you should check first.
2. Check with your hospital or doctor **before** dropping off supplies. Many facilities do not have storage space or they have rules against accepting these supplies.
3. If you're in a support group, check with members and/or have it listed in their newsletter.
4. Donate to medical missions like MedShare.
5. Supplies like syringes and dressings can be donated to your veterinarian or a free medical clinic.

Organizations to donate to:

Local:

- Kindred Box www.kindredbox.org/donate-ostomy-supplies accepts unexpired ostomy supplies. Sender ships the supplies or ostomy nurse may take but must be confirmed first.
- MedShare www.medshare.org/donate/ humanitarian aid organization delivers surplus medical supplies and equipment to communities in need around the world.
- Mission Regan www.missionregan.org/requestforms 972-369-7637 is in McKinney, TX and you can arrange to drop off supplies (appointments required at this time)

National:

- Friends of Ostomates Worldwide www.fowusa.org 502-909-6669 will take in donated supplies and distribute them to those who need them. They will take expired and loose but unused ostomy supplies. Sender pays for shipping.
- Oley Foundation: Exchange Program [http://oley.org/?page=Equipment Exchange](http://oley.org/?page=Equipment_Exchange) lets you send supplies to someone who wants them and the recipient pays for shipping.
- Osto Group www.ostogroup.org/donations/ 877-678-6690 sender pays for shipping.