California SB 486; Safe Needle Collection and Disposal Plan (July 2016)

**Sharps Mail-Back Program**
Along with Amgen’s commitment to serving patients and supporting them in their fight against serious illnesses, Amgen is also committed to reducing its impact on the environment wherever possible. To that end, Amgen has developed a Sharps Mail-Back Program that provides an environmentally friendly solution for sharps and sharps containers. We provide a sharps mail-back program for our products that when used result in home-generated medical sharps. Those products are ENBREL® (etanercept), Neulasta®Onpro™ (pegfilgrastim) and Repatha™ (evolocumab). This program is provided at no cost to the patient by Amgen, the maker of ENBREL®, Neulasta®Onpro™, and Repatha™.

**Enrollment Process**
Health care providers have enrollment cards for the Sharps Mail-Back Program that they can provide to current patients. Information about the Sharps Mail-Back Program is also available on the product support websites and through the product support Call Centers. Specialists are trained to discuss the program with patients. See below for further information.

Patients may opt into the sharps mail-back program for the following Amgen products:

**ENBREL®**
- Visit the *ENBREL® Support™* website at: [www.EnbrelSupport.com](http://www.EnbrelSupport.com)
- Call *ENBREL Support™* at 1-888-4ENBREL (1-888-436-2735)
- Mail business reply card provided by your doctor

**Neulasta®**
- Call MYNEULASTA at 1-844-MYNEULASTA (1-844-696-3852).
- Mail business reply card provided by your doctor

**Repatha™**
- Visit RepathaReady™ website: [www.repatha.com](http://www.repatha.com)
- Call RepathaReady™ at 1-844-REPATHA (1-844-737-2842)
- Mail business reply card provided by your doctor

**How does the program work?**
- Within 7-10 days after enrolling, patients receive a sharps container along with a postage-paid shipping container.
- When the container is almost full, patients can re-order a new container by phone or by returning the business reply card included in the original shipment.
- Patients will also receive a reminder e-mail that provides an opportunity to initiate a re-order electronically.
- Once the new container arrives, patients place the previously filled container in the postage-paid shipping container and place it in the mailbox for return. (This way, the patient always has access to a sharps disposal container and does not experience a “gap” in service.)
- Upon receipt, the used injectable materials are safely processed and recycled.
**What additional information is available for patients?**

For all patients, whether or not they choose to participate in the Sharps Mail-Back Program, information regarding safe collection of syringes, needles or devices is provided in the Patient Instructions for Use. The Patient Instructions for Use are accessible on each of the product specific websites (listed above). In addition, patients need to follow community guidelines for disposal of the sharps container, as there may be state or local regulations that apply.

In addition, Amgen is a member of and participates in Med Project ([http://med-project.org](http://med-project.org)) for the disposal of unwanted or expired pharmaceuticals and sharps disposal program in Alameda and Santa Cruz Counties, California.

**Additional Resources for Sharps Management**

For more information about safe sharps disposal, and for specific information about sharps disposal, go to FDA’s website at: [http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal](http://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal).

The following web site provides access to state-by-state requirements: [http://www.safeneedledisposal.org/](http://www.safeneedledisposal.org/)