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442 kg of medicines have not reached the end of their story just because they expired. Antibiotice promotes the responsible collection of medicines

Nearly half a tonne of expired or unused medicines and food supplements have been collected by Antibiotice employees over the four editions of the company's “Responsible for Future Generations! Collecting Expired Medicines Responsibly!” campaign.

This year's edition took place from 26 to 30 October 2026, in the context of National Sustainability Day, celebrated annually on 27 October. Employees had access to a dedicated collection point set up at the company's headquarters in Iași, where they brought in 134 kg of medicines and food supplements. These were subsequently handed over to a specialised waste management operator for safe disposal.

One of the campaign's objectives was to raise employees' awareness of the risks associated with improper disposal of medicines and the importance of collecting them separately. At the same time, the campaign gave employees an opportunity to turn environmental responsibility into a habit that they can pass on to their families and communities.

Across the four editions of the campaign, Antibiotice employees have handed in a total of 442 kg of expired medicines. The quantity collected increased by 41%, from 95 kg in 2023 to 134 kg in 2026, reflecting the growing involvement of employees in this responsible medicine collection initiative.

Bringing together pharmacists, students and employees
In the 2025 and 2026 editions, students from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the “Grigore T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iași, participating in AntibioticeSkills, the company's programme designed to prepare students for the labour market, volunteered in the campaign to raise awareness and collect expired or unused medicines.

Under the guidance of their Antibiotice mentors, the students worked alongside the company's pharmacists and specialists from the Sustainability, Environmental Protection, and Logistics and Warehousing departments.

The campaign gave them the opportunity to learn how expired or unused medicines should be collected and why proper disposal is essential for environmental protection.

The message is relevant to everyone: expired or unused medicines should never be thrown into household waste or flushed down the drain. Their active pharmaceutical ingredients

can enter water and soil, affecting ecosystems and the quality of water resources. Separate collection and handover for disposal under controlled conditions help protect the environment.

A simple action we can all take

Each of us may have expired or unused medicines at home. We can take them to designated collection points set up in public and private hospitals, where they can be safely disposed of. By doing so, we all contribute to protecting the environment and the water resources we rely on every day.

Launched in 2023, this initiative addresses concerns raised by Antibiotice stakeholders during the consultations conducted as part of the development of the company's Sustainability Report.