Providing underserved patients with safe & affordable medications while reducing pharmaceutical waste

RoundtableRx
Minnesota's Medication Repository Program

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Learning Objectives
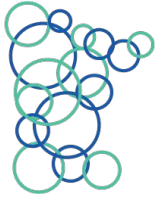
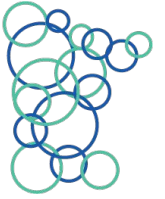**Describe** the operations of Minnesota's Medication Repository Program, RoundtableRx.

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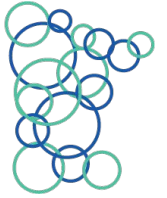
Describe how to access RoundtableRx inventory for patients in a clinic or pharmacy setting.

Conflict of Interest

Rachel Rockwell is a paid employee at RoundtableRx, Minnesota's Medication Repository Program.

History

2004   Oklahoma creates their state's medication repository program.

2019   UMN students & lawmakers pass legislation allowing a medication repository program to exist in MN. (The 13th state to do so.)

2020   The Minnesota Board of Pharmacy designated RoundtableRx to operate the state's first & only medication repository program.

2021   First RoundtableRx medication delivered to a Minnesota patient.

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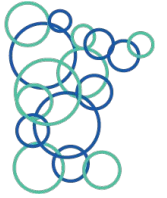
RoundtableRx, as the Central Repository...

... receives donations of medications & supplies, a pharmacist checks them for safety & quality, then adds them to inventory.
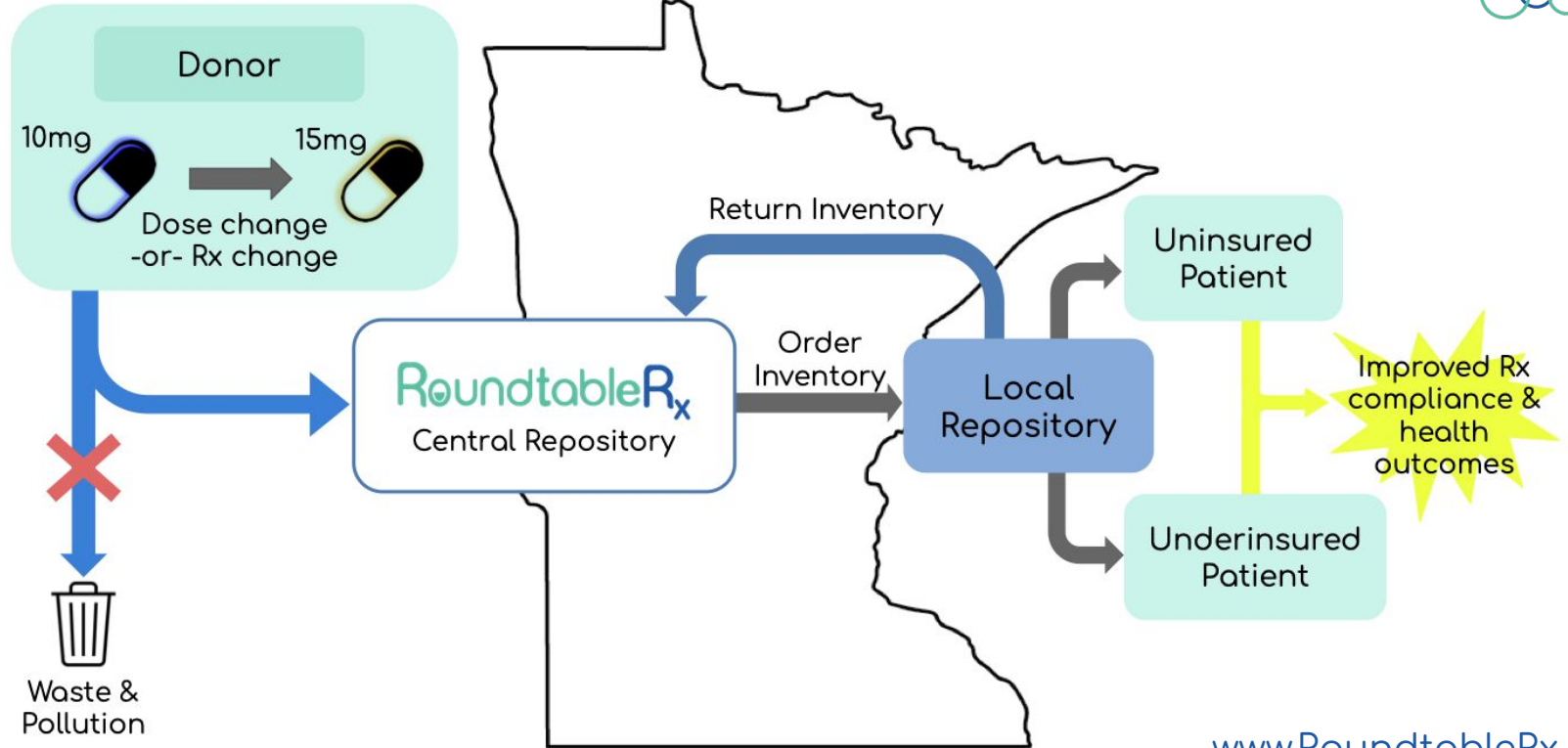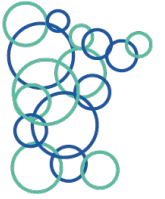
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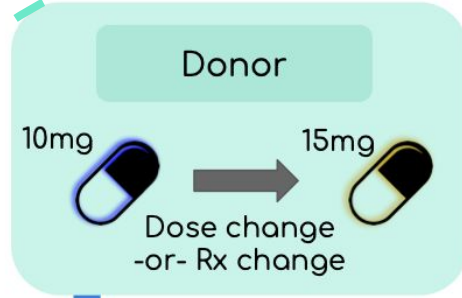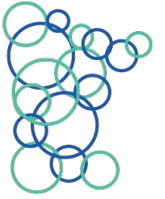
... relies on partnerships with Local Repository clinics & pharmacies to identify patients, order inventory, and dispense to the patient.
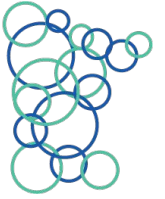
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Donor

10mg → 15mg

Dose change -or- Rx change

✗ Waste & Pollution

RoundtableRx Central Repository

Order Inventory

Return Inventory

Local Repository

Uninsured Patient

Underinsured Patient

Improved Rx compliance & health outcomes

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Committed to Quality & Safety

- **LTCs** supply a majority of repository inventory.

- **Quality & safety inspections** of all donated products are completed by a licensed pharmacist before entering inventory.

- **Public donations** require an interview with a pharmacist to confirm products was properly sourced & stored before accepting.
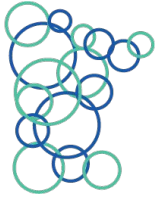
- **Environmentally responsible disposal** is provided by RoundtableRx for expired inventory or unacceptable donations.

- **Recalls** are closely monitored & affected products are removed ASAP.

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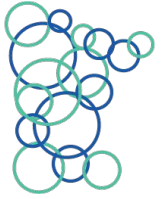
Medications & Supplies

Including...

... prescription and over-the-counter medications & medical supplies.

... new, unopened products in original manufacturer packaging, or bubble packed by a licensed pharmacy.

... unexpired, with a shelf-life of 3 months or greater.
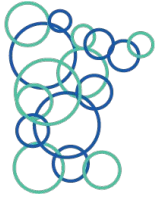
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Medications & Supplies

Excluding...

... used, compromised or misbranded products.

... medications in amber vials.

... expired medications.

... medications requiring refrigeration.

... controlled substances.

... REMS medications.

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Live Inventory

Last Updated 12/12 11:40AM	Drug Names	Qty
	Abacavir 600mg, Dolutegravir 50mg, Lamivudine 300mg (Triumeq, NIOSH D	30
	Acetaminophen 160mg/5ml Liquid	2,478
	Acetaminophen 325mg (Tylenol)	108
	Acetaminophen 500mg (Tylenol)	496
	Acetaminophen 650mg Er (Tylenol)	69
	Acetaminophen 650mg Suppository (Feverall Adults)	18
	Acetaminophen 80mg Chew Tab (Tylenol)	300
	Acetazolamide 125mg (Diamox)	28
	Acetic Acid 2.5mg/ml Solution	1,000
	Acetylcysteine 200mg/ml Solution	3
	Acyclovir 400mg (Zovirax)	128
	Albuterol 100mcg, Ipratropium 20mcg Spray (Combivent Respimat)	1
	Albuterol 2.5mg/3ml Solution (0.083% - for nebulizer)	206
	Albuterol 2.5mg/3ml, Ipratropium 0.5mg/3ml Solution (DuoNeb, no inhaler - fo	724
	Alendronate 70mg (Fosamax)	67
	Allopurinol 100mg (Zyloprim)	445
	Allopurinol 300mg (Zyloprim)	103
	Aluminum Hydroxide 160mg, Magnesium Carbonate 105mg Chew (Gaviscor	355
	Amantadine 100mg (Symmetrel)	134
	Amiodarone 200mg (Cordarone)	502

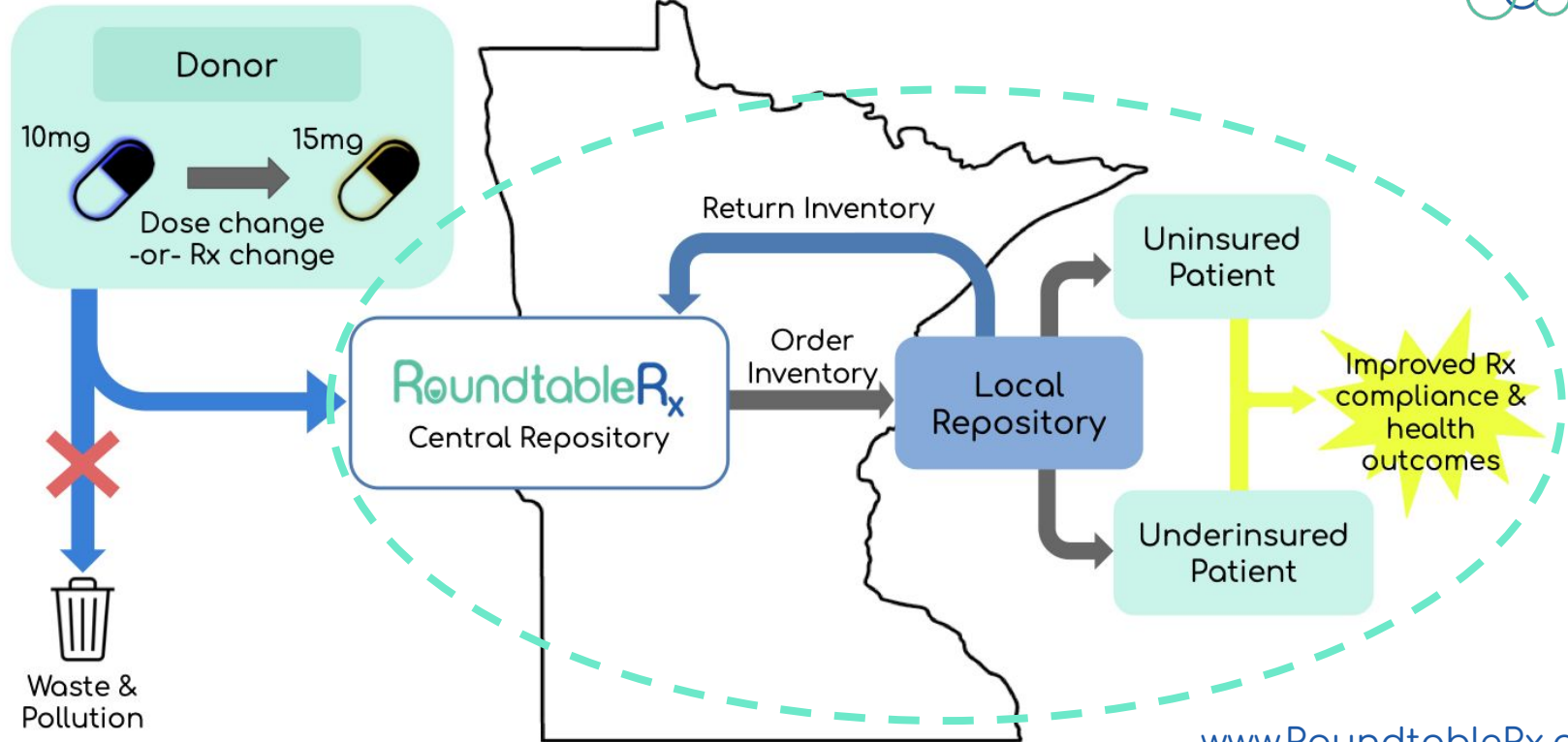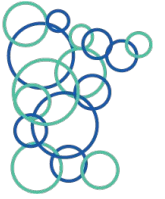www.tinyurl.com/RRxLive

High Demand

- Brand-only (DOACs)

- Inhalers (control, rescue)

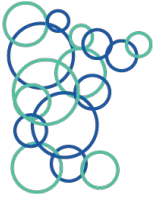- Generics (metformin, metoprolol, bumetanide, tamsulosin, statins, etc.)
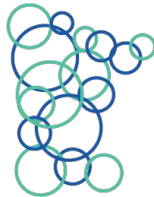
Also Featured

- Chemotherapy (PO)

- Glucose testing

- OTCs

- Specialty (PEP, PrEP, ABX, fertility, gender affirming, injectables, etc.)

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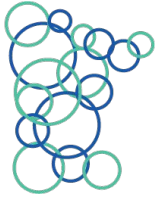
Local Repository Partnership

- **RoundtableRx** is a pharmacy wholesaler & cannot dispense.

- **Clinics & pharmacies** elect to become Local Repository partners and have the following roles:

  - Identify & educate eligible patients

  - Order inventory

  - Dispense & maintain records

Patient Eligibility

Minnesota residents
including seasonal workers & non-citizens

Uninsured
including coverage lapses

Underinsured
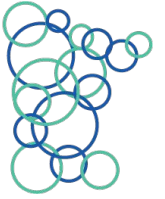Medicare 'donut hole', high deductible, PA pending...

No income restrictions
Is the patient skipping their Rx due to cost? They likely qualify.

Patients with active Minnesota medical assistance or MinnesotaCare are ineligible.

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Order RoundtableRx Inventory

Exactly what you need when you need it
in one of two ways...

A **Order only what you need for a specific patient**
i.e. #30 rivaroxaban 20 mg for Robert Rabbit

B **Order products to have on-hand***
i.e. naloxone, epinephrine pens, etc.

* Repository products maintained in inventory at a Local Repository must be stored in a separate location away from other inventory. (i.e. dedicated & labeled shelf/box/cupboard) RoundtableRx provides stickers to help identify repository inventory.

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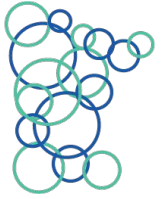# Patient Education
with RoundtableRx Patient Brochures
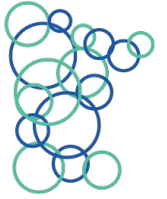
- Free & available in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Mandarin Chinese

- Translations in Arabic, Somali & Hmong coming soon!*

* RoundtableRx is always seeking volunteers with language skills to help translate our Patient Brochure and make our program accessible for all Minnesotans!

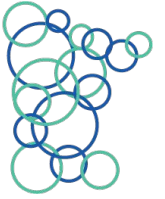www.RoundtableRx.org

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- Orders will be filled by RoundtableRx within 1-2 business days (M-F).

- Orders are shipped by USPS and arrive in 1-5 business days (M-Sa).

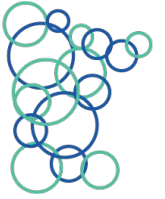- Average turnaround of 2-5 business days.

Affordability

The cost of RoundtableRx inventory…

$0*

Local Repositories may charge an optional fee if up to 250% of Medicaid dispensing fee (~$25) per item.

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Dispensing

- Valid prescription required
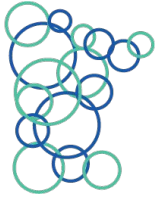
- Cannot bill insurance

- Dispensing fee *optional*
  - Compensation for labor & resources
  - Local Repository charges patient directly
  - Kept in full by the Local Repository
  - Cannot exceed 250% of Medicaid dispensing fee (~$25)

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Record Requirements*

Notice of Participation Form
- Completed annually by each Local Repository site
- Required to access RoundtableRx inventory

Intake & Eligibility Form
- Completed annually for each patient

Dispensing Form
- Completed for each repository medication dispensed
- Provided partially completed by RoundtableRx with each order

* All forms are available on the <u>Minnesota Board of Pharmacy's website</u>, must be faxed to RoundtableRx, and maintained by the Local Repository for 2 years.
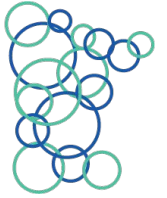
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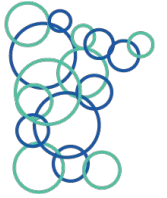
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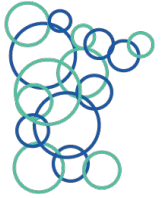
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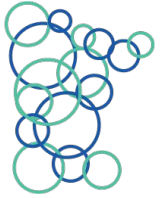Community University Health Care Center (CUHCC)

Access RoundtableRx

... becoming a Local Repository partner

- Clinics & pharmacies eligible for partnership

- Sign & submit Notice of Participation Form

- Policies & Procedures Template available as a resource

- Consult with existing Local Repository partner

Local Repository Partners

Essentia Health
Pharmacy

COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE CENTER

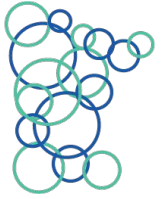**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**
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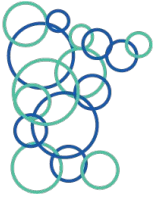**GuidePoint PHARMACY**

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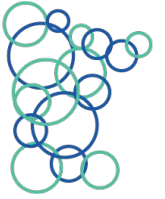
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Support RoundtableRx

- Become an LTC or pharmacy donor

- Direct individuals to make medication donations

- Volunteer (on-site & remote opportunities)

- Spread the word!
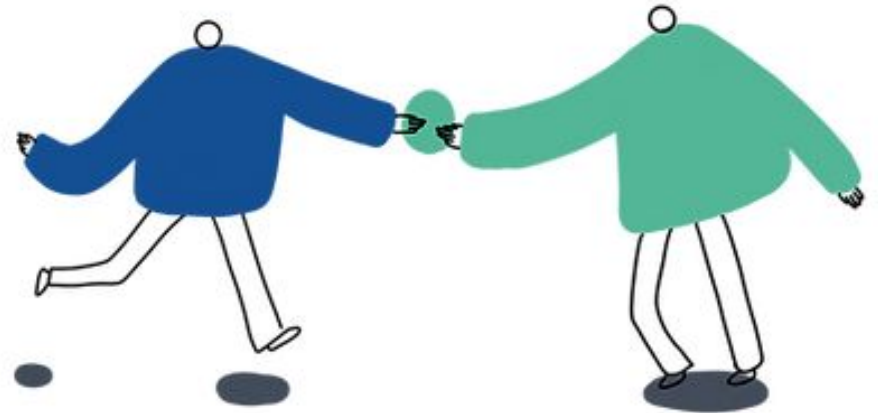
Questions?

Stay in Touch!

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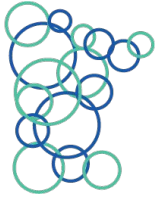Managing Director & Pharmacist in Charge

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- **Volunteer**

- **AmazonSmile**

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