



Diverde Society creates national system for managing home healthcare waste

On Friday, September 5, the Diverde Society was formally established as the entity responsible for managing the integrated system for home healthcare waste, particularly sharps waste.

Diverde is composed of the Portuguese Pharmaceutical Industry Association (APIFARMA), the Nacional Association of Pharmacies (ANF), the Portuguese Association of Pharmaceutical Distributors (ADIFA), and Groquifar – the Association of Chemical and Pharmaceutical Wholesalers. Together, these organizations aim to address a real public health and environmental issue by ensuring a safe and sustainable destination for waste such as needles and lancets, which until now often ended up in unsorted trash.

The absence of a sharps waste collection system in Portugal posed operational challenges and safety risks. The creation of Diverde represents an important step in safeguarding public health and the environment by establishing a nationwide program for the safe collection and treatment of this waste, aligned with international best practices and sustainability principles.

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