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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Alameda Health System Observes National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

Oakland, Calif. — April 26, 2018 — On National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, April 28, Alameda Health System is reminding the community of kiosks open at three of its facilities to drop off expired medications.

WHO: Alameda Health System is inviting everyone to participate in safe medicine disposal.

WHAT: This observance is a time for Bay Area residents to go through their medicine cabinets, identify prescriptions that are expired or no longer needed, and discard them safely using the medication disposal kiosks at AHS facilities.

WHEN: **April 28, 2018;** hours are listed at each location below. Please note medication disposal kiosks are available to the community daily.

WHERE:

- **AHS-Highland Hospital**, 1411 E. 31st Street, 4th floor of the Highland Care Pavilion building, Oakland, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Sunday.
- **AHS-Alameda Hospital**, 2070 Clinton Avenue, Main Lobby, Alameda, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., weekdays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., weekends & holidays
- **AHS-San Leandro Hospital**, 13855 E. 14th Street, Main Lobby, San Leandro, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., weekdays, 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., weekends & holidays

WHY: Keeping expired or unnecessary medication increases the risks of adverse outcomes from accidental ingestion of expired drugs, which can result in hospitalization or a visit to the emergency room. Additionally, flushing medications down the toilet can be harmful to the environment or even infiltrate the drinking water.

About Alameda Health System

Alameda Health System (AHS), headquartered in Oakland, Calif., is a leading public health care provider and medical training institution recognized for its world-class patient and family-centered system of care. Our mission, Caring, Healing, Teaching, Serving All, reflects our commitment to promoting wellness, eliminating disparities and optimizing the health of all communities in Alameda County. We currently provide more than 4,500 jobs and are home to more than 1,100 physicians across nine facilities, including five hospitals and a network of community-based wellness centers. For more information, visit AlamedaHealthSystem.org.