

California SB 486  
Safe Needle Collection and Disposal Plan

## “Going green” with the ENBREL® 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 the protection and sustainability of the environment wherever possible. To that end, Amgen has developed a new, sharps mail-back program that provides an environmentally sound solution for sharps and sharps containers. We listened to patients and healthcare providers who asked for a safe, easy and green way to dispose of home generated medical waste associated with Enbrel® (etanercept) and we responded with a nation-wide, program that fills an important need for patients and their communities.

### What is the Sharps Mail-Back Program?

- A safe, convenient and environmentally friendly way\* to dispose of used ENBREL injection materials
- Provided at no cost to the patient by Amgen & Pfizer, the makers of ENBREL.

\* A patented process is used to convert home generated sharps and containers into pellets that can be safely re-used as fuel for the generation of power and as road bed and building materials.

### How is Amgen ensuring that patients are aware of the new program?

When health care providers initially prescribe ENBREL for patients, Amgen provides a patient starter kit, which includes product safety information, instructions for use, information about safe disposal of injection materials, information about financial assistance along with other useful information for new patients.

Enclosed in each **Patient Starter Kit** is a **business reply card** that encourages patients to join *ENBREL Support™* and the Sharps Mail-Back program. Additionally, health care providers have **enrollment cards** for the Sharps Mail-Back Program that they can provide to current ENBREL patients.

Information about the Sharps Mail-Back Program is also available on the *ENBREL Support™* website and through the *ENBREL Support™* Call Center at 1-888-4ENBREL (1-888-436-2735) where *ENBREL Support™* specialists are trained to discuss the program with patients.

## How do patients enroll in the new program initially?

To enroll in *ENBREL Support™* and the Sharps Mail-Back Program patients can:

- Visit the *ENBREL Support™* website at: [www.EnbrelSupport.com](http://www.EnbrelSupport.com)
- Call *ENBREL Support™*: 1-888-4ENBREL (1-888-436-2735)
- Mail Business Reply Card provided in each ENBREL Patient Starter Kit

## How does the program work?

- Within 7-10 days after enrolling, patients receive a 1 gallon 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 container and does not experience a “gap” in service.)
- Sharps Compliance Inc. safely processes and recycles the used injectable materials upon receipt.



### **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 Instructions for Use, which is included in each Enbrel package, and is located on the ENBREL.com website.

In addition, patients who choose not to enroll in the sharps mail-back program can call the *ENBREL Support™* call center where they will be given county specific guidance regarding acceptable disposal solutions for sharps container. This information is updated on a regular basis.

### **What is Amgen's commitment to continued patient support in this area?**

When calling 1-888-4ENBREL, patients are encouraged to provide feedback or suggestions related to Amgen's patient support services, including the Sharps Mail-Back program. Amgen has received outstanding feedback from patients and prescribers about the convenience and satisfaction provided by the new Sharps Mail-Back program.

For information about Enbrel's indications and full safety information, please go to <http://www.enbrel.com/possible-side-effects.jsp>.