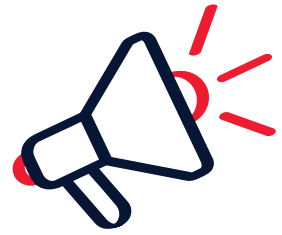


# Top 10 Red Flags in Detecting Diversion in Healthcare



- #1** Inadequate resident pain control or an increase in resident PRN utilization of opioids for pain
- #2** Residents complaining of not receiving pain medication with doses documented as administered on MAR
- #3** Failure to adhere to proper drug destruction procedures, including completing the destruction log alone, and subsequently seeking another nurse/pharmacist signature on a report without their physical presence
- #4** Wasting complete doses, wasting no doses, heavy drug wasting or repeatedly wasting with the same person as a witness (called a “waste buddy”)
- #5** Failure to document waste or repeatedly holding waste until the end of a shift or carrying medications in pockets
- #6** Paying extra attention to or entering patients’ rooms who are receiving controlled substances or volunteering to help administer narcotics to colleagues’ patients
- #7** Frequently asking for supplemental orders for controlled substances or pulling PRN medications
- #8** Altering telephone or verbal medication orders
- #9** Frequent charting or medication errors
- #10** Sloppy documentation, omissions and care inconsistencies