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**HURRICANE JEANNE UPDATE
PHYSICIANS/HOSPITALS/RESIDENTS ADVISED TO UPDATE PRESCRIPTION SUPPLIES**

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL—The Palm Beach County Health Department and Palm Beach County Medical Society have issued an advisory to area physicians and hospitals to update all patients prescriptions to a minimum additional two-week supply.

“In the interest of being prepared for hurricane Jeanne and to avoid the shortages we experienced with prescription medications, and oxygen supplies, since Frances, the health department is asking patients to contact their physician and request a prescription for at least two additional weeks of any needed medications. Additionally, we are asking doctors and hospitals to issue these supplies,” said Health Director Jean Malecki, M.D.

Persons registered for the Special Care Unit will be advised as to when the shelter will open and are being reminded to bring personal concentrators and an extended supply of any needed medications.

Health Officials are also asking those individuals that are oxygen dependent to contact their suppliers and refill all oxygen bottles and order a reserve in case they are needed next week.

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