

Handling antineoplastic drugs and related waste safely

Domain: Policies, procedures and guidelines

1. Complies with all Commonwealth, National and State legislation, policies and guidelines for the safe administration of antineoplastic drugs.*
2. Complies with all organisational policies, procedures and guidelines for:
 - a. handling, packaging, storage and transport of antineoplastic drugs,
 - b. health surveillance of employees,
 - c. waste management including: hazardous drug spill management, handling patients' body waste and waste associated with administration of antineoplastic drugs and
 - d. reporting of incidents.

Domain: General knowledge

1. Demonstrates self-awareness of limitations of clinical practice and seeks advice when necessary.
2. Identifies:
 - a. common causes of exposure to antineoplastic drugs and related waste and
 - b. correct use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when handling antineoplastic drugs and related waste.
3. Describes:
 - a. the risks involved in the handling of antineoplastic drugs and the precautions required for health professionals, patients and carers / family members,
 - b. steps to minimise occupational exposure to antineoplastic drugs and related waste,
 - c. procedures for dealing with accidental contamination and occupational exposure of health professionals to antineoplastic drugs or related waste and
 - d. health surveillance requirements for employees.

Domain: Clinical skills

1. Practices within professional boundaries and organisational role descriptions.
2. Accesses information sources on guidelines for safe handling of antineoplastic drugs and related waste.
3. Demonstrates clinical skill in use of correct PPE when handling antineoplastic drugs and related waste.

*Not applicable for staff who do not administer antineoplastic drugs as part of their scope of practice.