

Staff Huddle: Hand Hygiene in Chemotherapy- Week #1

What is the risk? Germs can spread through unclean hands. Hand Hygiene can reduce the spread of germs.

- Staff should always clean hands before and after patient contact.
- Clean hands before drawing up injectable medications or administering chemotherapy.
- Staff should clean before changing dressings on indwelling venous devices such as ports, PICC lines, and central venous catheters.
- Clean your hands before and after glove removal.



Staff Huddle: Personal Protective Equipment- Week #2

- Protective equipment that can be used during chemotherapy for protection of self and client:
 - Gloves
 - Gown
 - Eye protection
 - Well-fitting surgical mask.
- Wear a mask with eye protection if there is any chance of splattering (e.g., starting chemotherapy, changing dressing on indwelling vascular devices).
- Wear a new disposable gown for every patient receiving chemotherapy.
 - When selecting gloves, follow current guidelines for hazardous materials and meet facility policy.
- Wear sterile gloves when changing dressings on central venous access devices such as ports, PICC lines, or central lines.
 - When selecting gloves, follow current guidelines for hazardous materials and meet facility policy.



Staff Huddle: Injection Safety- Week #3

- Clean technique or aseptic technique needs to be used when preparing and administering chemotherapy or other parenteral medications.
 - This is to prevent germs from spreading to clean areas and entering medications.
- Perform a 30 second at minimum “scrub” to the access ports of IVs, or vascular access devices with sterile alcohol pad.
- Never access an IV bag or medication multiple times with the same needle or syringe.
- Do not administer medications from single-dose or single-use vials or bags or bottles of intravenous solution to more than one patient.



Staff Huddle: Cleaning and Disinfecting for Chemotherapy - Week #4

- Regularly perform environmental cleaning, focusing on high-touch surfaces when cleaning patient.
- Clean equipment such as bed side tables, end tables, therapy table, exam tables, IV poles after each chemotherapy treatment.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and disinfecting environmental surfaces and medical devices; ensure that the cleaning product used is compatible with the surface or device being cleaned.
- Disinfect the surface where chemotherapy supplies will be placed prior to setting supplies at bedside.
- When selecting gowns and gloves (PPE) follow current guidelines for hazardous materials and meet facility policies.

