



HAZARDOUS DRUG PRECAUTIONS

HANDLING OF INTACT DRUG PACKAGES/CONTAINERS (ie. Removing medications from AMDS or patient drawer)

High Risk	No PPE required	If pregnant, trying to conceive, or breastfeeding:	Hazardous gown and two pairs of hazardous gloves
Low Risk	No PPE required	If pregnant, trying to conceive, or breastfeeding:	Single pair of hazardous gloves

DRUG ADMINISTRATION (ie. Opening tab/cap packaging, manipulating liquid dosage form)

High Risk	Hazardous gown and two pairs of hazardous gloves	If risk of splashing, vomiting/spitting up, resisting:	Face/eye protection and mask
Low Risk	Single pair of hazardous gloves	If risk of splashing, vomiting/spitting up, resisting:	Consider hazardous gown, face/eye protection, mask
		If manipulating dosage form:	Hazardous gown and two pairs of hazardous gloves

Cutting/ Splitting Tablets	High Risk	Crushing Tablets & Opening Capsules	High Risk
	Prepared by pharmacy in the HD hood		Prepared by RN wearing hazardous gown and two pairs of hazardous gloves
Cutting/ Splitting Tablets	Low Risk	Crushing Tablets & Opening Capsules	Low Risk
	Prepared by pharmacy in the HD hood		Prepared by RN wearing hazardous gown and two pairs of hazardous gloves

HANDLING BODILY FLUIDS

High Risk	Full PPE - hazardous gown, two pairs of hazardous gloves, face/eye protection, mask	If discarding waste in toilet:	Use chemo prep pad to cover seat and flush twice
Low Risk	Two pairs of hazardous gloves	If risk of splashing:	Consider hazardous gown, face/eye protection, mask
		If discarding waste in toilet:	Use chemo prep pad to cover seat and flush twice

DISPOSAL OF WASTE

Remove all PPE prior to leaving patient room. Dispose of PPE and all high and low risk hazardous drug packaging, waste, and PPE in hazardous yellow waste bins.

HAND HYGIENE

Wash hands with soap and water after removing PPE.

- **Any person handling hazardous drugs may choose to utilize full PPE – hazardous gown, two pairs of hazardous gloves [ASTM 6978-rated], face/eye protection, and mask at any time.**
- **Persons who are trying to conceive (including men), are pregnant, or are nursing are encouraged to wear full PPE when handling any class of hazardous drug.**
- **During patient's inpatient or outpatient stay, observe hazardous precautions during and for 48 hours after any hazardous drug administered.**

The above applies to those medications deemed "hazardous" by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) list published in 2016 or Genesis Health System.