## **Huddle Helper**

USP 800: Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs

## What is USP 800?

 USP Chapter Hazardous Drugs-Handling in Healthcare Settings is the first federally enforceable regulation regarding protection of the healthcare worker from exposure to hazardous medications in the healthcare environment.

## How do I know what medications are considered "Hazardous Drugs" (HazD)?

St. Tammany's symbol for a hazardous drug alert is (122). Drugs identified as hazardous will be marked in the MAR, in Pyxis, and listed in the Hazardous Drugs tab/section of the MAR. HazD meds coming from the pharmacy will be labeled HazD and be enclosed in a zipper locking bag to reduce exposure.



## What do I do when I see the HazD symbol?

Refer to the Hazardous Drug Handling PPE
 Guide to determine which Personnel Protective
 Equipment (PPE) is required to handle the
 HazD or care for the patient receiving the HazD.



Medication Administration Form	Gloves ASTM D6978	Gown ASTM F739-12	Eye/Face Protection- Goggles and Face Mask Shield for concern of splash	Respiratory Protection N95 mask	
Injectable: Intravenous (IV), Intra-muscular (IM), Subcutaneous, Intrathecal	Double Gloves		0		CSTD **
Intact pill, capsule, tablet	Double Gloves				
Oral solution, syrup, suspension, Eye Drops, Feeding Tube	Double Gloves		0		
Topical gel/cream, Suppository, Vaginal inserts/creams, Transdermal patch, Subcutaneous implant	Double Gloves			Yes, if inhalation potential	
Intravesical (Bladder Instillation), Intra Cavity	Double Gloves		0	N95 Mask	Shoe covers CSTD**
Inhalation/Aerosol treatment	Double Gloves		0	Elastomeric or PAPR Respirator	Hair/Beard Cover, Shoe covers
HazD Spill	Double Gloves		$\odot$	Elastomeric or PAPR Respirator	Spill Kit-for large spills- additional PPE in kit
Standard Precautions- All non- HazD medications, Patient	*				

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Handling of Bodily Fluids of Patients on HazD

Direct Patient Care of Unknown HazD

Direct Care of Unknown HazD

patient

What do I say if a patient or family member asks about the extra precautions and PPE used when handling HazDs?

 Hospital workers need to follow extra precautions because they are at higher risk for being exposed to HazDs. This is due to the multiple points of HazD exposure they can encounter on a daily basis.