Administration of Oral Chemotherapy

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Objectives

- All nurses will be able to safely administer and dispose of oral chemotherapy to patients in an inpatient or outpatient setting
Type of Roll-out:

✔ Process change
This Roll-out Applies to the Following:

- Inpatient areas
- Outpatient areas
- Nurses
Describe the Change in Practice

- The nurse taking care of a patient receiving oral chemotherapy will no longer need a chemotherapy nurse to administer the medication.
- Items used to administer oral chemotherapy will be disposed of in the purple disposal bins.

**Items include: gown, gloves, medication packaging, and medication cups are to be discarded in the purple waste container.**
Education

- All nurses will complete the CE Direct course titled: Evidenced-Based Nursing Management of Oral Chemotherapy

- All nurses administering oral chemotherapy will refer to Mosby’s Safe Handling of Hazardous Medications (Oncology)
Forms and Consents

- Physicians may enter order for oral Chemotherapy/Biotherapy via CPOM or written on a chemotherapy order form (SMH 2373)
  - Chemotherapy orders are to be double checked and signed by two nurses before sending the order to pharmacy
- Telephone/verbal orders are **NOT** accepted
- Authorization for Administration of Chemotherapy and/or Biotherapy Treatment consent form (SMH 3015) must be signed by the patient prior to administration
- Education regarding Chemotherapy/Biotherapy must be reviewed with patient and documented in IPER
Safety

- Oral chemotherapy will be delivered in a yellow bag marked hazardous and identified with a purple dot.
- **DO NOT** crush, break, or mix any oral chemotherapy agent
- Only pharmacy can alter the medication under the safety biological cabinet

For Example:

Patient with NGT receiving oral chemotherapy will require medication to be diluted by pharmacy.

- Gown and Chemotherapy gloves must be worn during administration
Summary

- RN will complete education in CE direct
- RN will now be able to safely administer oral chemotherapy without the need of a chemotherapy RN
- Proper PPE must be used when administering chemotherapy
- Oral chemotherapy will be disposed of in the purple disposal bins
- Only pharmacy can alter medication
Resources

- SMH 2373 Chemotherapy & Biotherapy Physician Orders
- SMH 3015 Authorization for Administration of Chemotherapy and/or Biological Treatment
- SMH IP 2500 Chemotherapy Biotherapy Administration
References
