

HH Medical Center

In-Patient Chemotherapy Care: Safety Steps to Providing Quality Care

1. Utilization and review of the implemented in-patient chemotherapy policy and routine reinforcement of these standard guidelines.
2. Train and educate all healthcare staff involved with the care and management of the chemotherapy by providing orientation, self learning modules.
3. Safely administer all antineoplastic agents by confirming these drugs with the pharmacy and 2 certified registered nurses.
4. Utilize the Chemotherapy Resource Nurse in IV Therapy and work as a team to collaborate care for the patient.
5. Coordinate all chemotherapies with the in-patient nurse, Pharmacy, and chemotherapy RN, prohibiting pregnant/breastfeeding nurses to be involved with care.
6. Utilize the Nursing Supervisor as a contact when the Outpatient IV Therapy Unit is closed.
7. Note all Cycle Day 2 timed medications and ensure these medications will be administered on time.
8. Obtain all appropriate equipment needed for chemotherapy administration and have these tools at the bedside.
9. Enforce chemotherapy precautions for the patient, nurse, and visitor.
10. Notify the Chemo Resource RN for discharge planning concerning patient medications, precautions, and support groups.