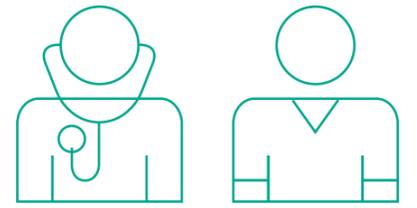


BEFORE AND DURING APPLICATION: HOW TO AVOID MEDICATION ERRORS IN CHEMOTHERAPY



BEFORE APPLICATION

Educate staff on¹

- Direct and precise communication with colleagues and patients
- Instances where medication errors might occur
- How to detect medication errors
- What to do when a medication error is detected
- Administration of different drugs (e.g. IV, oral)

Inform patients about

- Drugs procedures and drug handling
- Side effects
- How to handle themselves when they feel unwell

DURING APPLICATION

- Comply with standards and recommendations¹
- Assess patient and get consent for drug application²
- Use or demand unambiguous packaging and labelling whenever possible¹
- Utilize clear documentation when and where drug shall be applied
- Use checklists and clinician double checks¹
- Demand the purchase of well-designed products in collaboration with the purchasing department¹

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