Dispense patient-specific anti-cancer therapy doses



Overview

This standard relates to dispensing and issue of patient-specific anti-cancer therapy doses. Your practice will be consistent with your role and be carried out under the regulatory and ethical frameworks established in the context of current legislation. You will work at all times within Standard Operating Procedures.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 work within the legislative framework and guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures in your place of work
- P2 ensure the prescription request is complete, appropriate and achievable
- P3 that the prescription has been clinically verified as being safe and appropriate for the patient concerned by an appropriately authorised person
- P4 select the product which meets the prescription criteria
- P5 ensure the suitability of anti-cancer therapy products for issue
- P6 ensure that products have been correctly selected, processed and labelled
- P7 ensure any time-expired and non conforming products are discarded
- P8 ensure the product is properly packed, with appropriate documentation in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures
- P9 ensure that the product has been stored appropriately
- P10 ensure the product is transported safely and appropriately to its agreed destination
- P11 seek clarification or advice from an appropriate person if required

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the relevant current national and local guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures
- K2 the range, purpose, process and requirements for anti-cancer therapy products
- K3 the criteria for storing anti-cancer therapy products
- K4 the safe disposal of anti-cancer therapy products which are no longer valid for issue
- K5 risk management associated with the handling of anti-cancer therapy products
- K6 the personnel authorised to release product(s)
- K7 the differing responsibilities associated with professional and technical release
- K8 your own level of responsibility and accountability for dispensing and issue of anti-cancer therapy doses

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Additional Information

Links to other NOS

There are other NOS in the Pharmacy suite relating to Verifying a prescription for anti-cancer therapy and Final accuracy checking of dispensed medicines and products. These are available on the Skills for Health website.

External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

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