

## CW Hazardous Drugs Safety: Updates and Resources February 16, 2022

<p><b>What's New?</b></p>	<p>Updates to support safety for staff who may be exposed to hazardous drugs are happening beginning with CST go-live.</p> <p>These changes impact <b>all staff, medical staff, contractors, and students</b> who work in a location where hazardous drugs are used or stored, or who may be at risk of occupational exposure to hazardous drugs (e.g., allied health, care aides, porters, housekeeping, laundry, environmental services, and shipping/receiving staff).</p> <p>Updates include terminology changes that reflect the new approved provincial classification of two categories of hazardous drugs and safety requirements for each.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Group 1</b> contains hazardous drugs that are known or probable carcinogens.</li> <li>• <b>Group 2</b> contains hazardous drugs that are not known or probable carcinogens, but exhibit one or more toxicity criteria.</li> </ul> <p>Key CW clinical support documents are being updated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">CW Hazardous Drugs Handling Policy</a> – *updated version will be posted Feb 25<sup>th</sup>*</li> <li>2. Drug monographs – Group 1 or Group 2 noted on monographs for applicable drugs</li> <li>3. <a href="#">Medication Administration: Hazardous Drugs including Chemotherapy and Biotherapy</a> – on SHOP</li> <li>4. <a href="#">Completing the Chemotherapy Checklist</a> – on SHOP</li> <li>5. <a href="#">Intrathecal Chemotherapy Administration</a> – on SHOP</li> <li>6. <a href="#">NICU Intravenous Hazardous Drug Administration</a> – *updated version on SHOP soon*</li> <li>7. <a href="#">Induction and Augmentation of Labour with Oxytocin</a> (group 2)– *updated version on SHOP soon*</li> <li>8. <a href="#">Contraction Stress Test</a> (oxytocin content) – *updated version on SHOP soon*</li> </ol>
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<p><b>Protecting all staff, medical staff, contractors and students on our CW site is of paramount importance.</b></p> <p>These Hazardous Drugs Handling updates align to occupational health &amp; safety and WorkSafe BC regulatory requirements and provide most up to date safety information for any staff handling or at risk of exposure to hazardous drugs in the workplace.</p>
<p><b>How does this affect my practice?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Review these updated resources and materials prior to CST go-live:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Hazardous Drugs CST Practice Update</a> – specific info for CST Cerner users</li> <li>• CW educational materials – targeted for <b>staff who administer hazardous drugs</b>:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Powerpoint with speaker's notes</a> – download version available at <a href="#">CW CST Clinical Readiness</a></li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>

b. [Eduquick](#) – for use or modification

2. **Review the e-learning module table below to determine the level of e-learning needed for your role or your staff.**

- Complete the appropriate e-learning for your role and risk of exposure to hazardous drugs (see table).
- Review the updated CW clinical support documents – ***will be posted on SHOP soon!***

**Learning Hub E-Learning Module Table:**

(Note: A full curriculum description is available via each curriculum link shown.)

Curriculum Title	Courses in Curriculum	Intended Audience (highlighted notes give CW examples, but other examples may exist)
<a href="#">Hazardous Safety Awareness</a>	1. Awareness	All staff and support services working in a facility (ie CW site) where hazardous drugs may be present.  Note: new hires will have this module included in their learning module requirements.
<a href="#">Hazardous Drugs Safety for Staff who Administer Hazardous Drugs</a>	1. Awareness 2. Administering 3. Providing Care 4. Spill Responder	Staff who handle, prepare, or administer hazardous drugs (e.g nurses, some providers, some allied health)
<a href="#">Hazardous Drugs Safety for Staff who Provide Care</a>	1. Awareness 2. Providing Care 3. Spill Responder	Point of care employees who are not directly involved in hazardous drug administration (e.g. allied health staff, care aides, etc)
<a href="#">Hazardous Drugs Safety for Pharmacy Staff</a>	1. Awareness 2. Compounding 3. Pharmacy Spill Responder	Pharmacy employees
<a href="#">Hazardous Drugs Safety for Staff Who Receive, Unpack, and Transport Drugs</a>	1. Awareness 2. Receiving, Unpacking and Transport 3. Spill Responder	Employees who receive, unpack, or transport hazardous drugs (Note: this may include nurses in some areas at CW)
<a href="#">Hazardous Drugs Spill Response</a>	1. Spill Responder	Anyone not included in the above groups who is responsible for cleaning hazardous drugs spill (e.g. nurses)
<a href="#">Hazardous Drugs Safety for Environmental Services Staff</a>	1. Environmental Services	Environmental Services and Housekeeping employees

<b>How do I find out more?</b>	<p>In addition to the above materials, visit the <a href="#">PHSA Hazardous Drugs teamsite</a>.</p> <p>Key resources and tools for reference or for use include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">BC Hazardous Drugs List</a></li><li>• <a href="#">PPE and Supply Ordering Information</a></li><li>• <a href="#">HD Precautionary Period Poster</a> (for patient room door)</li><li>• <a href="#">Temporary Reassignment Request Form</a></li></ul> <p>Talk to your area educator, resource nurse, leader or supervisor to learn more specifics for your area or role.</p>
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contact <a href="#">Ciara McGeough</a>, PPL Nursing, for implementation information specific to CW.</li><li>• Contact your area operational leader and/or supervisor.</li></ul>