

2019 USP <800> Preparation Checklist

Are you ready for USP <800>? It becomes official on Dec. 1, 2019.

Hazardous drugs are handled throughout a healthcare organization, posing risks to employees, patients and the environment. USP <800> outlines the practice and quality standards for safe handling of these drugs through nearly every aspect of the medication process, and it affects not just the pharmacy but a variety of personnel, such as the nursing unit staff, environmental services, operating room staff and more. Check with your state for the most current interpretation of the standards and enforcement date which could be as early as Dec. 1, 2019. Are your bases covered? Review the checklist below as you prepare. USP <800> section references are provided.

Have you:

Hazardous drug list

- Analyzed which hazardous drugs are in your organization? <Section 2>
- Conducted an assessment of risk and determined the necessary precautions for each drug and dosage form? <Section 2>
- Developed a review process for determining whether to include hazardous drugs in your formulary? <Section 2>
- Developed a plan to review your entity hazardous drug list every 12 months? <Section 2>
- Decided how staff will know if hazardous drugs are present or if a patient is taking a drug on the hazardous drug list? <Section 2>

Facility

- Assessed hazardous drug receiving and storage areas for compliance? <Section 5.1 and 5.2>
- Assessed compliance of pharmacy compounding hoods and IV rooms? <Section 5.3>
- Created a facility compliance strategy?
 - Are capital expenditures necessary to obtain compliance or are the consolidation, outsourcing or elimination of services better options?

Policies and Procedures

- Created policies and procedures outlining expectations for the safe handling of hazardous drugs during receiving, storage, compounding, administering, transport and disposal? <Section 17>
- Designed a process for these to be reviewed every 12 months? <Section 17>

Staff Training

- Designated a person who is qualified and trained to be responsible for oversight of USP <800> compliance? <Section 4>
 - What engagement or awareness exists among senior leadership, providers and non-pharmacy team members?
- Determined which employees have the potential for exposure to hazardous drugs and require training? <Section 9>
- Designed and implemented a staff training and competency program based on employees' risk while performing their job functions? <Section 9>
- Determined how the training and acknowledgement of risk will be documented? <Section 8>

Compliant Supplies

- Assessed your personal protective equipment (PPE) for compliance with the regulations? <Section 7>
- Implemented closed-system transfer devices (CSTDs) for administration of antineoplastic drugs? <Section 5.4>

Cleaning and Decontamination and Spill Response

- Created a hazardous drug spill response plan? <Section 16>
- Determined who is responsible for spill response and what PPE is necessary? <Section 16>
- Reviewed materials needed for adequate cleaning and decontamination? <Section 16>

Other Regulatory Bodies

- Determined if there are any hazardous drug rules at your state or local level?

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