

2019 USP <800> Preparation Checklist

Are you ready for USP <800>? The anticipated compliance deadline is 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. Regulatory bodies are expected to enforce the standards, and non-compliance could potentially result in citations. Are your bases covered?

Have you:

Hazardous drug list

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

Facility

- Assessed hazardous drug receiving and storage areas for compliance?
- Assessed compliance of pharmacy compounding hoods and IV rooms?
- 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?
- Designed a process for these to be reviewed every 12 months?

Staff Training

- Designated a person who is qualified and trained to be responsible for oversight of USP <800> compliance?
 - 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?

- Designed and implemented a staff training and competency program based on employees' risk while performing their job functions?
- Determined how the training and acknowledgement of risk will be documented?

Compliant Supplies

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

Cleaning and Decontamination and Spill Response

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

Other Regulatory Bodies

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

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