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

BEFORE APPLICATION

Educate staff on

- 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 recommendations
- Assess patient and get consent for drug application
- Use or demand unambiguous packaging and labelling whenever possible
- Utilize clear documentation when and where drug shall be applicated
- Use checklists and clinician double checks
- Demand the purchase of well-designed products in collaboration with the purchasing department

Sources: