

## Oncology

# Chemotherapy spillage kit

## Information for patients, relatives and carers

The following leaflet will guide you through a step-by-step process for cleaning up chemotherapy in the event of a spillage.

Your spillage kit contains....

### What you will need

From your spillage kit you will need:

- two pairs of latex/disposable gloves
- a disposable apron
- clinical waste bag

### How to clean up a chemotherapy spillage

- put on the apron and wear both sets of gloves
- clear the area and identify where the chemotherapy spillage is
- mop up the spill using paper towels starting from the outside of the area and moving inwards
- place the contaminated paper towels in the clinical waste bag provided
- wash the area well with warm, soapy water and dry with paper towels, ensuring all used paper towels are placed in the clinical waste bag provided
- remove the apron and gloves and place these in the clinical waste bag. Seal the bag and place this bag in the cytotoxic sharps box provided for you
- tell your chemotherapy day care unit via the 24 hour help line on **0203 331 5160**
- a replacement spillage kit and dose of medication will then be arranged. The team will also advise what to do if you have spilt your last dose.

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## What to do if you get chemotherapy on your skin or in your eye(s)

- put on the two sets of gloves provided. If someone is helping you they should also wear gloves and an apron
- using paper towels mop up the chemotherapy spill and place the used paper towels in the clinical waste bag
- wash the area of skin with soap and water and dry well – you may need to shower and change your clothes
- all waste should be placed in the clinical waste bag. The bag should then be sealed and placed in the cytotoxic sharps box provided for you

If you get chemotherapy in your eye, wash the affected eye(s) with lukewarm running tap water for approximately 20 minutes and then call the oncology emergency **helpline** on **020 3311 5160 (available 24 hours a day)**. If someone else is with you they can call the helpline straight away.

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