

Home chemotherapy spill kit instructions

If you will be receiving home chemotherapy you will also receive:

- a hospital spill kit
- instructions of what to do if you have a spill of the chemotherapy at home
- a mask
- a copy of the Hamilton Health Sciences patient education sheet “Anticancer Drug Safety at Home” (this sheet explains what to do if you have chemotherapy spill on your skin)

You will need floor cleaning detergent in addition to this kit, which you will need to purchase where you purchase your other home cleaning supplies.

A cytotoxic (chemotherapy) spill requires immediate attention and must be contained to make sure that no additional contamination of the environment occurs.

Please use these instructions instead of the ones inside the kit which are for hospital staff.

1. Remove people and pets away from the spill.
2. Unpack kit and put on protective apparel (2 pair of gloves, gown, mask, eye protection and shoe covers).
3. Place absorbent pads shiny side up on spill area. Allow time for the drug to be absorbed into the pads (do not wipe).
4. Pick up and discard absorbent pads into red waste bag. Use disposable scoop in the kit for any broken glass. Repeat step 3 as necessary.
5. Clean contaminated area with disposable cloths and floor detergent three times followed by two rinses with water. Dispose cloths in cytotoxic waste bag (clean from area of least contamination to most contaminated).
6. Remove protective apparel and place in red waste bag in this order: shoe covers, outer gloves, gown, face protection and mask. Wearing the inner gloves: tie up the first red waste bag and place it into the second red waste bag.
7. Remove inner gloves and place in the second red plastic bag.
8. Tie or use twist tie to close the second red plastic bag.
9. Wash hands with soap and water.
10. Contact your oncology team to inform them for further directions. The closed red plastic bag will need to be brought back the hospital or the clinic.