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|  | **Health & Safety Risk Assessment** | | |
| **Ref: CF:024:05:T** | **RE: Cytotoxic Drug Risk Assessment Form** | | |
| **Issue date:** | November 2015 | **Revised date:** | October 2023 |
| **Author(s):** | National Health & Safety Function | | |
| **Legislation:** | Under the **Safety Health and Welfare at Work (Carcinogens) Regulations, 2001, as amended 2015 and 2019** it is the duty of the employer to identify the hazards and assess the risks associated with the risk of exposure to carcinogens (Cat. 1A and 1B) and/or mutagens (Cat.1A and 1B) in the workplace.  For the purpose of this risk assessment, all cytotoxic drugs (to include Cat. 2 carcinogens, Cat. 2 mutagens and**/or reprotoxins** (including teratogens)) (Cat R1A/B and R2) will be considered as subject to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Carcinogens) Regulations, 2001.  All risk assessments must be in writing and include the necessary control measures to eliminate or minimise the risks documented and implemented. When conducting risk assessments where Cytotoxic Drugs are involved consideration must be paid to the risk of exposure and the means of avoiding and mitigating any such risk so far as is technically possible.  *It is the responsibility of local management to implement any remedial actions identified.* | | |
| **Note 1:** | Detailed guidance to support the carrying out / review of risk assessments is available in the [GD:002 HSE Guideline on the Safe Handling of Cytotoxic Drugs](https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/benefits-services/health-and-safety/chemicals.html) | | |

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| **Cytotoxic Drug Risk Assessment Form - Part 1 of 2** | |
| **Division:** | **Source of Risk:** |
| **HG/CHO/NAS/Function:** | **Primary Impact Category:** |
| **Hospital Site/Service:** | **Risk Type:** |
| **Dept/Service Site:** | **Name of Risk Owner (BLOCKS):** |
| **Date of Assessment:** | **Signature of Risk Owner:** |
| **Unique ID No:** | **Risk Co-Ordinator:** |
| **Objective being impacted:** | **[[1]](#footnote-1)Risk Assessor(s):** |
| **Description of Work Activity:** | |
| **A separate risk assessment must be completed for powders (prior to reconstitution); capsules/tablets; and liquids. Tick as appropriate:**  *Powders  Capsules / tablets  Liquids* | |
| **Identify the Cytotoxic Drugs covered by this risk assessment: (Please cross reference to database or attach drug list)** | |

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| **Categories of employees likely to be exposed (Tick as appropriate):**  Pharmacy personnel  Nursing Staff  Medical Staff  Support Service  Maintenance  Housekeeping  Other  **If other, please state discipline(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Hazard and risk associated with cytotoxic drug(s): -** For the purpose of this risk assessment cytotoxic drugs are ‘grouped’ collectively as CMRs (i.e. carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxins) with the associated Hazard Statements (H) below:  Carc 1A, 1B H350 - May cause cancer  Carc 2 H351 - Suspected of causing cancer  Muta 1A/B H340 - May cause genetic defects  Muta 2 H341 - Suspected of causing genetic defects  Repro. Tox. 1A/1B H360 - May damage fertility or the unborn child  Repro. Tox. 2 H361 - Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child |
| **Exposure Route (Tick as appropriate):**  Inhalation  Dermal absorption  Percutaneous  Ingestion  Mucosal |
| **Tick the range of substances used and quantities stored for this activity (the range is based on an individual unit):**  Small up to 1000 ml or g  Medium 1-1000 L or Kg  Large >1000 L or Kg |

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| **Cytotoxic Drug Risk Assessment Form - Part 2 of 2** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **[[2]](#footnote-2)HAZARD & RISK DESCRIPTION** | | | **EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES** | | | **ACTIONS [ADDITIONAL CONTROLS] REQUIRED** | | | | **[[3]](#footnote-3)ACTION OWNER** | | **DUE**  **DATE** | |
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| **[[4]](#footnote-4)Inherent Risk** | | | **[[5]](#footnote-5)Residual Risk** | | | **[[6]](#footnote-6)Target Risk** | | | **Risk Status** | | | | |
| **Likelihood [1-5]** | **Impact**  **[1-5]** | **Rating**  **[Likelihood x Impact]** | **Likelihood**  **[1-5]** | **Impact**  **[1-5]** | **Rating**  **[Likelihood x Impact]** | **Likelihood**  **[1-5]** | **Impact**  **[1-5]** | **Rating**  **[Likelihood x Impact]** | **Open** | | **Monitor** | **Closed** |
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1. Risk Assessor required for OSH risks only. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Where the risk being assessed relates to an OSH risk please ensure the HAZARD and associated risk are recorded. Other risk assessments require a risk description only. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Person responsible for the action. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Rating **before** consideration of existing controls. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Rating **after** consideration of existing controls. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Desired rating **after** actions. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)