MANAGEMENT OF PARENTERAL CYTOTOXIC CHEMOTHERAPY POLICY

Policy Statement

To ensure the Health Board delivers its aims, objectives, responsibilities and legal requirements transparently and consistently, we will ensure that parenteral cytotoxic chemotherapy is administered safely and that the organisation is compliant with national guidance.

Policy Commitment

Provide clear guidance to UHB staff about their responsibilities with regard to the use of parenteral cytotoxic chemotherapy in the UHB.

The Objectives are

- To ensure that the interests of the patient, the staff and the UHB are fully protected.
- To ensure the safe administration of parenteral cytotoxic chemotherapy to patients in the UHB.
- To ensure compliance with national guidelines on prescribing, supply and administration of parenteral cytotoxic chemotherapy.
- To provide guidance to UHB staff on the safe administration of parenteral cytotoxic chemotherapy.

Supporting Procedures and Written Control Documents

This Policy and the Management of Parenteral Cytotoxic Chemotherapy Procedure (UHB329) describes the facilities required, staff training, prescribing, preparation, administration, and waste management of parenteral cytotoxic chemotherapy.

Other supporting documents are:

Procedure for Safe Handling and Administration of Intrathecal Chemotherapy Guidelines for the Safe Handling, Checking and Administration of Cytotoxics

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Scope

This policy applies to all of our staff in all locations including those with honorary contracts and applies to intravenous, intra-arterial, intramuscular, subcutaneous, intrathecal, intraventricular, intra-vesical, intravitreal and subconjunctival cytotoxic drugs administered to all patients.

Equality and Health	An Equality and Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) has been		
Impact Assessment	completed and this found there to be no impact .		
-	Note: Policies will not be considered for approval without		
	an EHIA		

Policy Approved by	Quality, Safety and Experience Committee	
Group with authority to	Medicines Management Group	
approve procedures	UHB Cytotoxic Chemotherapy Group	
written to explain how		
this policy will be		
implemented		
Accountable Executive	Medical Director	
or Clinical Board		
Director		
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Summary of reviews/amendments			
Version Number	Date Review Approved	Date Published	Summary of Amendments
1	16/10/2012	19/10/12	Updating following reorganisation replaces previous trust version ref no 181
2	28/06/2016	23/09/2016	Review of document by UHB Cytotoxic Chemotherapy Group and the Medicines Management Group. In line with UHB standards, the original policy has been separated into a stand-alone policy and separate procedures. In addition the need to read the Procedure for Safe Handling and Administration of Intrathecal Chemotherapy has been included within the Procedure.

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3	06/02/2020	05/05/2020	Review and update of document by UHB Cytotoxic Chemotherapy Group Inclusion of Guidelines for the Safe Handling, Checking and Administration of Cytotoxics. EHIA completed December 2019