

SITE DIRECTIVE DRAFT

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Title: Patient request to fill prescription at another Cancer Centre	Number: III - 50
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RATIONALE:

To provide guidelines for processing chemotherapy medication orders when a patient request to pick up their chemotherapy medications at another Regional Cancer Centre.

Issues may arise when filling an oral chemotherapy prescription and the pharmacist does not have access to the patient's health record or laboratory results.

DIRECTIVE

Pharmacists must complete a chart review and resolve any drug related problem before dispensing oral chemotherapy medications.

PROCEDURES

- 1) Hormonal therapy
 - a) The prescription may be faxed to the centre pharmacy where the patient wishes to pick up the drug.
 - b) The centre pharmacy receiving the transferred prescription will process and fill the prescription (reminder: transfer the patient location)
- 2) Chemotherapy
 - a) The regional cancer centre pharmacy which has access to the patient's health record will conduct the chart review and resolve any drug related problems.
 - b) Process and fill the prescription.
 - c) Cytotoxic medications are placed in a ziplock bag then in either a padded envelope or box labeled as Cytotoxic.
 - d) Send the medication by courier to the pick up pharmacy with a copy of the prescription and a note that patient counseling is required. Note: tell the courier dispatcher that this is a cytotoxic medication delivery. Do not send with the health records "suitcase".
 - e) The pharmacy where the patient picks up the prescription will use the copy of the prescription to provide patient counseling.