

# ARE YOU EXPOSED?

There is no safe level of exposure to cytotoxic chemotherapy drugs for healthcare workers.

## THE RISK TO YOU IS REAL



US healthcare workers exposed to hazardous drugs annually<sup>1</sup>

**17%**

Of nurses experienced unintentional skin and eye exposure to chemotherapy agents<sup>2</sup>



### EXPOSURE TO CHEMO INCREASES YOUR RISK

- + Chromosomal damage
- + Cancers
- + Adverse reproductive outcomes, including **2 to 3.5X** greater risk of miscarriages<sup>3</sup>

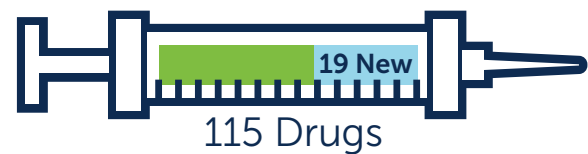
## HOW PROTECTED ARE YOU?



**50+ STUDIES**  
Since the 1990s the presence of hazardous drugs in the urine of healthcare workers has been documented, indicating actual exposure.<sup>4</sup>

### NEW CHEMOTHERAPY DRUGS ARE BEING INTRODUCED ALL THE TIME

Of the 115 chemo drugs on the 2016 NIOSH list, **19 were introduced just since 2014.**<sup>5</sup>



### 2 PAIRS OF CHEMO GLOVES



**Two Pairs** of chemotherapy-tested gloves should be worn whenever administering chemotherapy.<sup>6</sup>  
**ARE YOU FOLLOWING INDUSTRY GUIDELINES?**

### HOW TESTED IS YOUR PPE?



**52**

HALYARD\* gowns & gloves<sup>7</sup> are tested against **Chemotherapy Drugs** compared to 10 or fewer for most available gowns & gloves

## KEEP YOURSELF & YOUR STAFF SAFE

**"Skin exposure [to the chemo drug] was minimal."<sup>8</sup>**

THE MOST COMMON REASON GIVEN FOR NOT WEARING CHEMO-TESTED GOWNS AND GLOVES.

Make sure your healthcare facility is providing the most tested, chemo-rated PPE to everyone who handles chemotherapy drugs.

New, stricter Guidelines on Hazardous Drugs Handling in Healthcare Settings are expected to be widely adopted by U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP). You'll find current guidelines at [www.halyardhealth.com/chemo](http://www.halyardhealth.com/chemo).

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