

# 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?

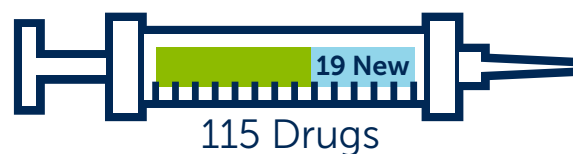


### 50+ STUDIES

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 ~~in July 2018~~ by U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP). You'll find current guidelines at [www.halyardhealth.com/chemo](http://www.halyardhealth.com/chemo).

**This information is being provided to you by Halyard Health. Contact us to find out more about PURPLE NITRILE-XTRA\* Gloves and HALYARD\* Procedure Gowns for Chemotherapy Use.**

