

*Closed systems transfer devices  
“Reconciling recommendations  
and real life practice”*

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# What's all the fuss?



# Preventing Occupational Exposure

## Warning!

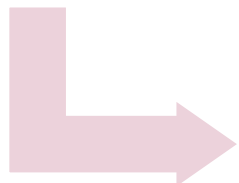
Working with or near hazardous drugs in health care settings may cause skin rashes, infertility, miscarriage, birth defects, and possibly leukemia or other cancers

Source: NIOSH Alert: Preventing Occupational Exposures to Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Health Care Settings, 2004

# Evidence: Health Effects

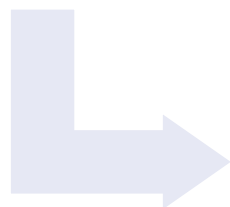
1970s

Secondary malignancies identified in patients following treatment<sup>1</sup>



1980s

Association between exposure to antineoplastics and adverse reproductive effects: miscarriages, congenital malformations, low birth weight and infertility



1990s

Link of cancer occurrence to healthcare workers exposure to antineoplastics

<sup>1</sup>Roussel C. et al. [Meta-analysis of chromosomal aberrations as a biomarker of exposure in healthcare workers occupationally exposed to antineoplastic drugs](#). Mutation Research/Reviews in Mutation Research. (2017). Retrieved -2/22/2018.



# Evidence: Exposure

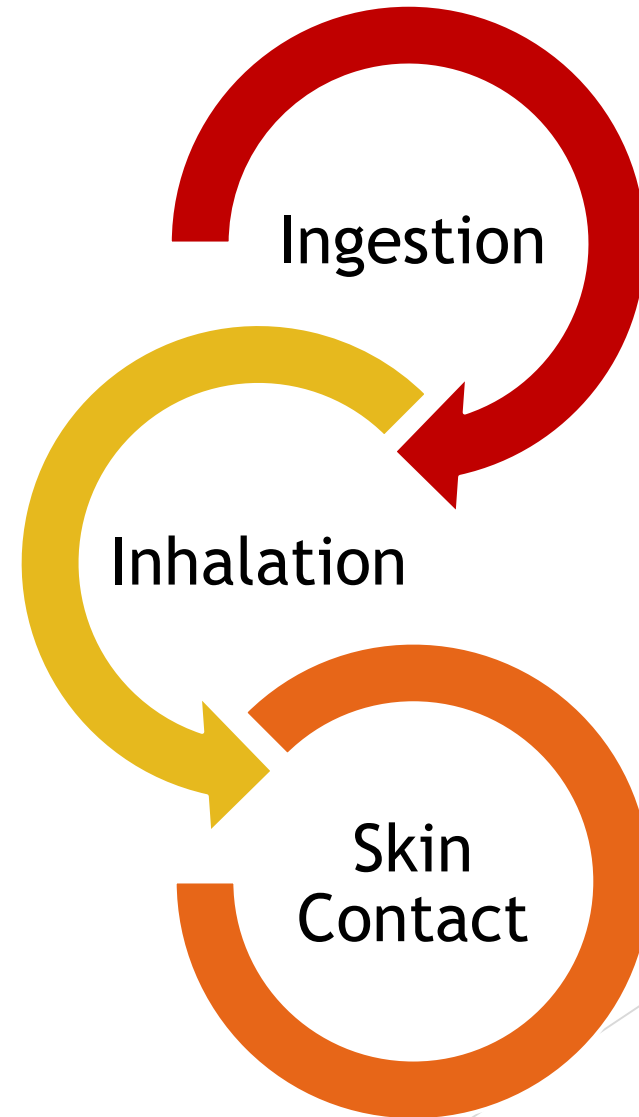
**Biological Markers**

**Studies demonstrate  
antineoplastics in urine**

**Present in workers who did not  
handle HDs**

# Hazardous Drug Dangers

- ▶ Toxicity of the drug
- ▶ Exposure of workers



# Organizational Interest



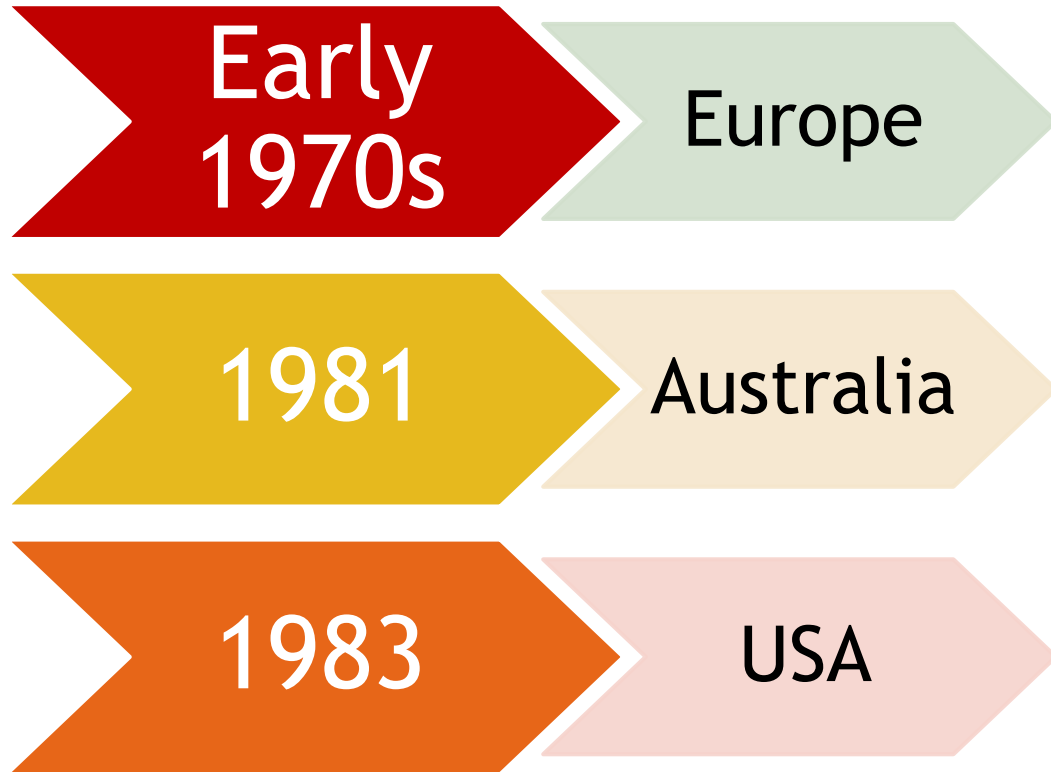
**National Toxicology Program**  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**International Agency  
Research on Cancer**



**World Health  
Organization**

# Safe Handling of HDs



**30+ years of pharmacy awareness in US alone**

# IARC

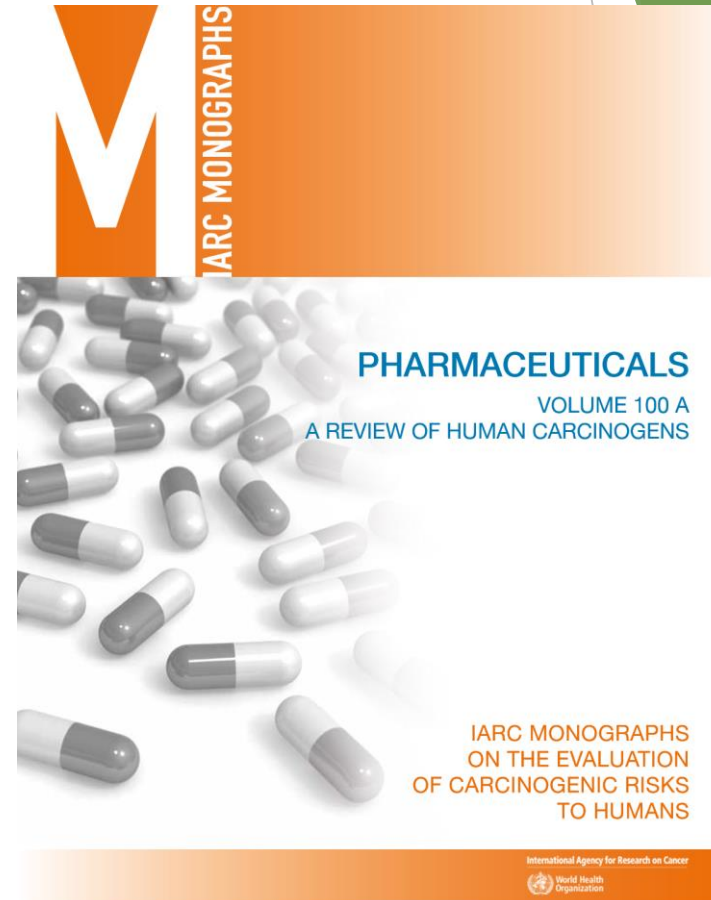
- ▶ International Agency for Research on Cancer
  - ▶ Division of the World Health Organization
  - ▶ Interdisciplinary organization
  - ▶ Mission to develop international collaboration in cancer research



The screenshot shows the IARC website homepage. At the top left is the text "International Agency for Research on Cancer" and the World Health Organization logo. To the right are language options for "English" and "Français", social media icons for LinkedIn, RSS, and a search bar. A blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: NEWS & EVENTS, RESEARCH, EDUCATION & TRAINING, PUBLICATIONS, JOBS & CAREERS, and ABOUT IARC. A dropdown menu is open under "NEWS & EVENTS", listing: IARC News, IARC Press Releases, IARC Multimedia, IARC in the News, RSS-Feeds, Meetings, and Seminars. Below the navigation bar is a large photograph of several national flags flying in front of a modern building. Underneath the photo is the heading "ABOUT IARC" and a sub-heading "IARC's Mission: Cancer research for cancer prevention". The main text below reads: "The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is the specialized cancer agency of the World Health Organization." On the left side of the page, there is a vertical list of links: IARC Ethics Committee, Alumni, Organizational Structure, IARC Medals of Honour, and Who's Who.

# IARC (continued)

- ▶ A Review of Human Carcinogens - Pharmaceuticals
  - ▶ Group 1 Human carcinogens
  - ▶ Group 2A Probably carcinogenic in humans
  - ▶ Group 2B Possibly carcinogenic in humans
  - ▶ Group 3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity in humans
  - ▶ Group 4 Probably not carcinogenic humans







# Evolution and Adoption of Definition

ASHP

OSHA

NIOSH





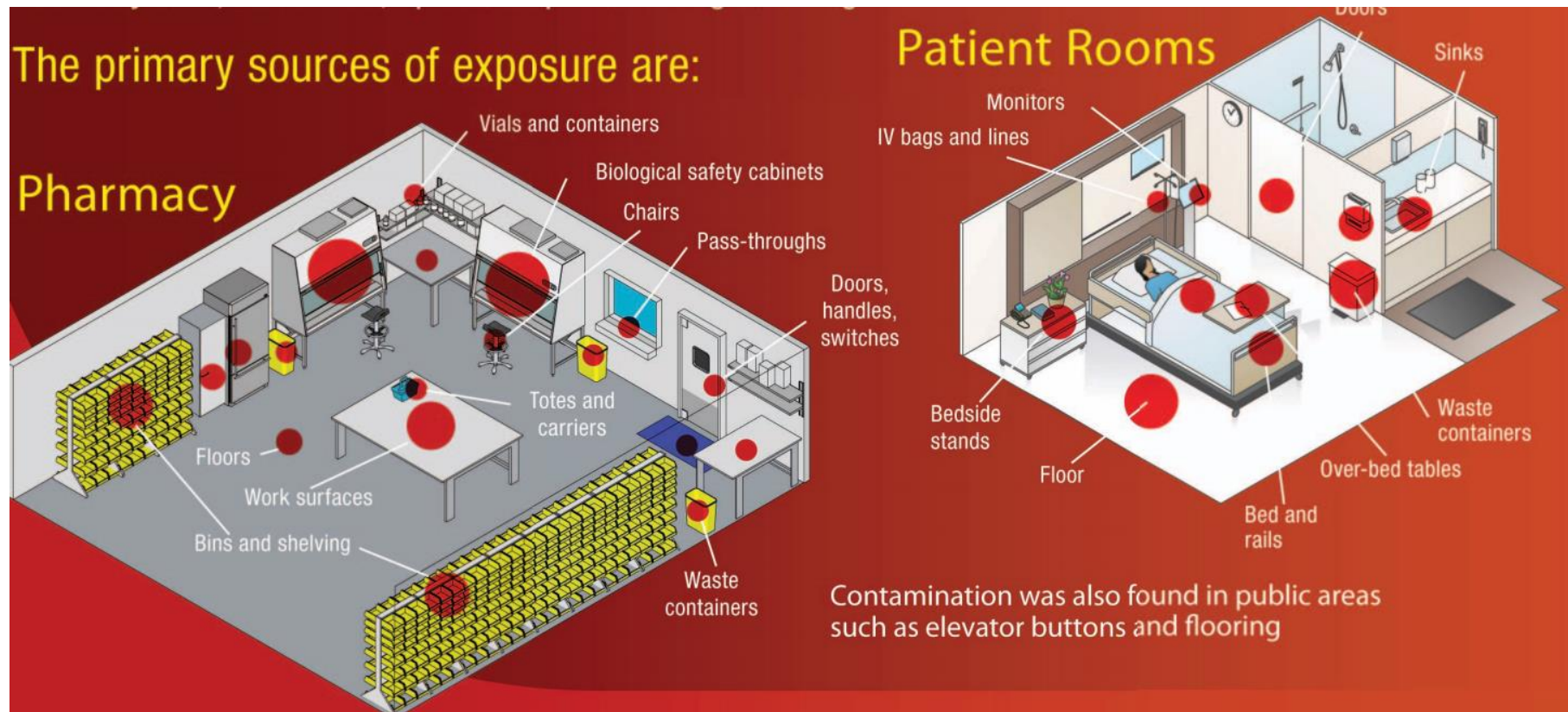
## CAUTION

Hazardous Drugs  
are Stored & Compounded  
in this Area

Contact Pharmacy Administration for any Questions or Concerns. OSHA 1999, NIOSH 2004

# The Contaminated Environment

- More than 70 published studies  
Most surfaces that come in direct contact with hazards  
Some with in-direct contact with hazards



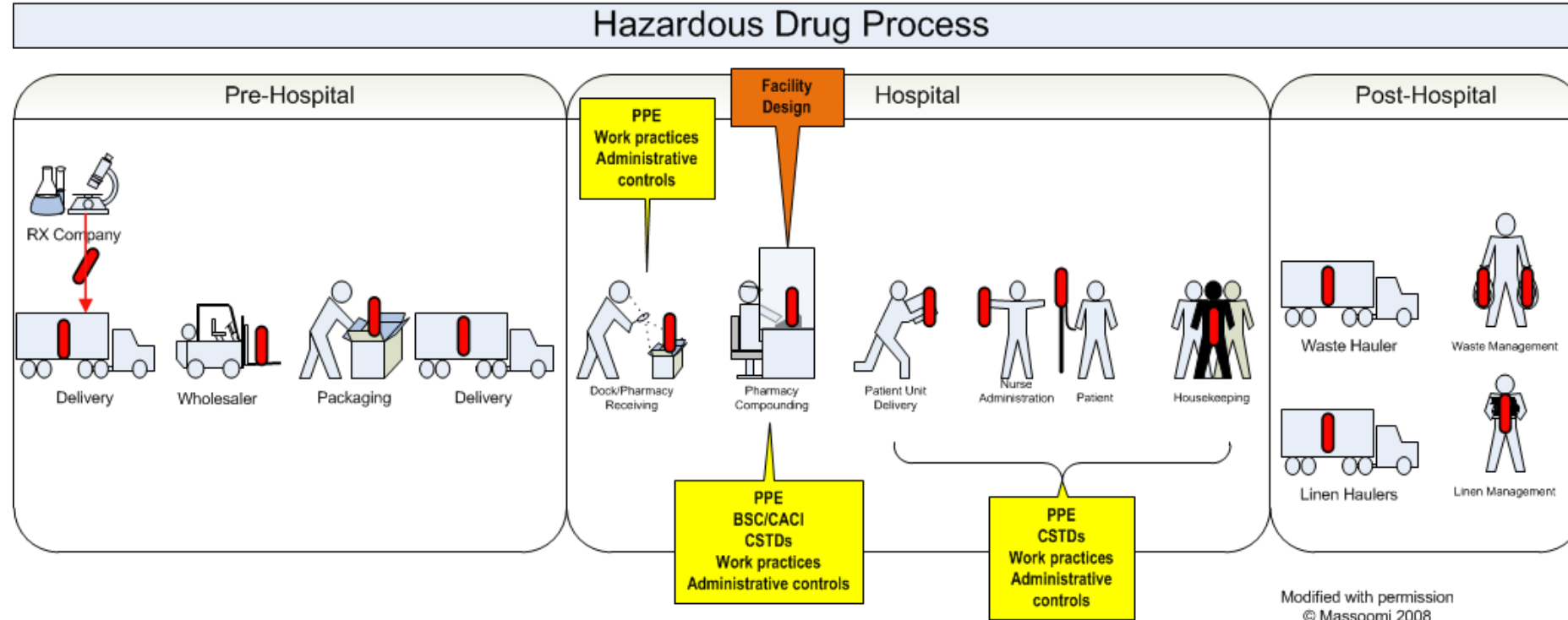
Source: B. Braun


# Skin contact

- ▶ Workers from 6 Canadian hospitals sampled
- ▶ Wiped front and back of hands
- ▶ Analyzed for cyclophosphamide
- ▶ 44/225 (20%) had levels above the limit of detection
- ▶ A number of workers from various job categories had contaminated hands
  - ▶ Volunteer, oncologist, aide and dietician
  - ▶ Pharmacist, pharmacy technician, pharmacy receiver, nurse, transporter

Hon CY, Teschke K, Demers PA and Venners S. Antineoplastic drug contamination on the hands of employees working throughout the hospital medication system. *Ann Occup Hyg.* 2014; 58:761-770.

# Occupational Exposure Strategies-CSTDs



 Denotes Hazardous Drug (HD) Product and Exposure Potentials

 Denotes Occupational Exposure Prevention Strategies

 Denotes Containment Prevention Strategies

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# Contamination of drug vials

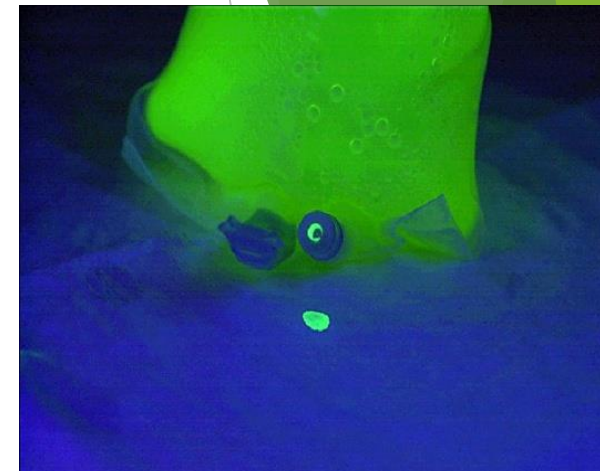
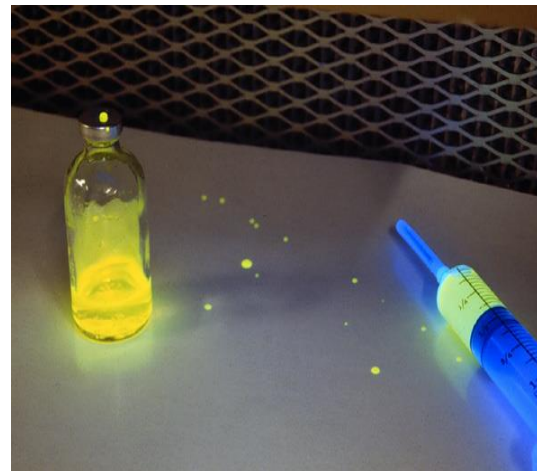
- ▶ The exterior of many drug vials are contaminated with their contents
- ▶ **The contamination is not the result of breakage during transportation**
- ▶ Some facilities pre-clean the exterior of the vials before use

Connor TH, Sessink PJM, Harrison BR et al. Surface contamination of chemotherapy drug vials and evaluation of new vial-cleaning techniques: Results of three studies. *Am J Health-Syst Pharm.* 2005; 62:475-484.



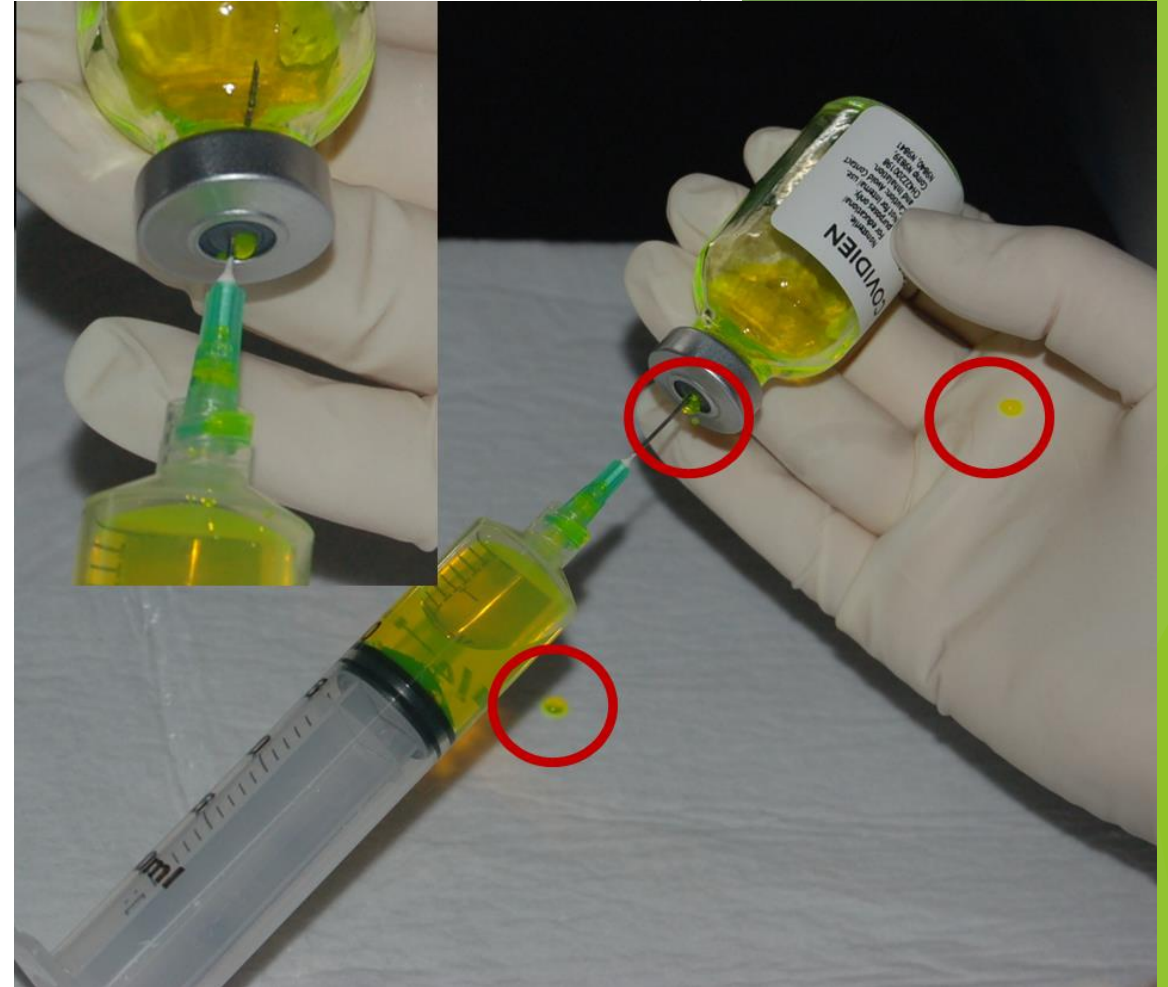
# What can we conclude from surface contamination with hazardous drugs?

- ▶ Surface contamination is common in pharmacy and nursing areas and where drugs are handled
- ▶ It has been well documented with ~5% of drugs in use
- ▶ Status of other 95% is unknown
- ▶ Uptake of several drugs has been documented in healthcare workers



# HD Compounding Strategies: Negative Pressure

- ▶ Negative pressure compounding techniques ensure that the pressure within the drug container is always maintained at a slight negative pressure
- ▶ Too much negative pressure can cause fluid to leak from the needle when withdrawn
- ▶ Positive pressure can cause the HD to spray out around the needle or through the needle hole
- ▶ Always use a syringe that is 25% larger in volume than the total volume to be withdrawn



# Engineering Controls for Containment: Definitions

## Containment Primary Engineering Control (C-PEC)

- Ventilated device to minimize worker and environmental exposure
- For sterile compounding, also provides product protection

## Containment Secondary Engineering Control (C-SEC)

- The room in which the C-PEC is placed

## Containment Supplemental Engineering Controls

- Adjunct controls to offer additional levels of protection
- Closed System Drug-Transfer Devices (CSTDs)

# HD Compounding Strategies: Use of CSTDs

- ▶ USP 800 uses the term supplemental engineering controls
  - ▶ Must be used in containment primary engineering control (BSC or CACI)
- ▶ These devices are adjunct controls that may be used with C-PECs and C-SECs to offer additional levels of protection (containment)
- ▶ Facilitate enhanced occupational protection especially during drug administration
- ▶ Closed System Drug-Transfer Devices are the only kind of Containment Supplemental Engineering Control available at this time
- ▶ Two types of CSTDs
  - ▶ Capture vapors
  - ▶ Filters



# Supplemental Environmental Controls

## Closed System Transfer Devices (CSTDs)

- Compounding : **Recommended**
- Administration : **Required**
  
- Currently 8 US products
  - PhaSeal®: BD
  - Smartsite with Texium: Carefusion:BD
  - VialShield® with Texium®: Carefusion:BD
  - On-Guard®: B.Braun
  - Chemoclave® /Spiros®: ICU Medical
  - ChemoLock®: ICU Medical
  - Equashield®
  - Halo®: Corvida Medical



PhaSeal



Vialshield/Texium



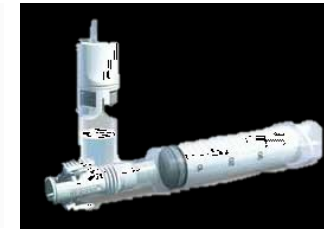
Equashield



ChemoClave



ChemoLock



On-Guard



Halo

# Definition - Closed System Transfer Device (CSTD)

- ▶ According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (2004 NIOSH), a closed-system transfer device (CSTD) is “a drug transfer device that mechanically prohibits the transfer of environmental contaminants into the system and the escape of hazardous drug or vapor concentrations outside the system.”
  - ▶ Intent: Nothing in and Nothing Out!
  - ▶ No testing procedures are described to prove this point

# Definition

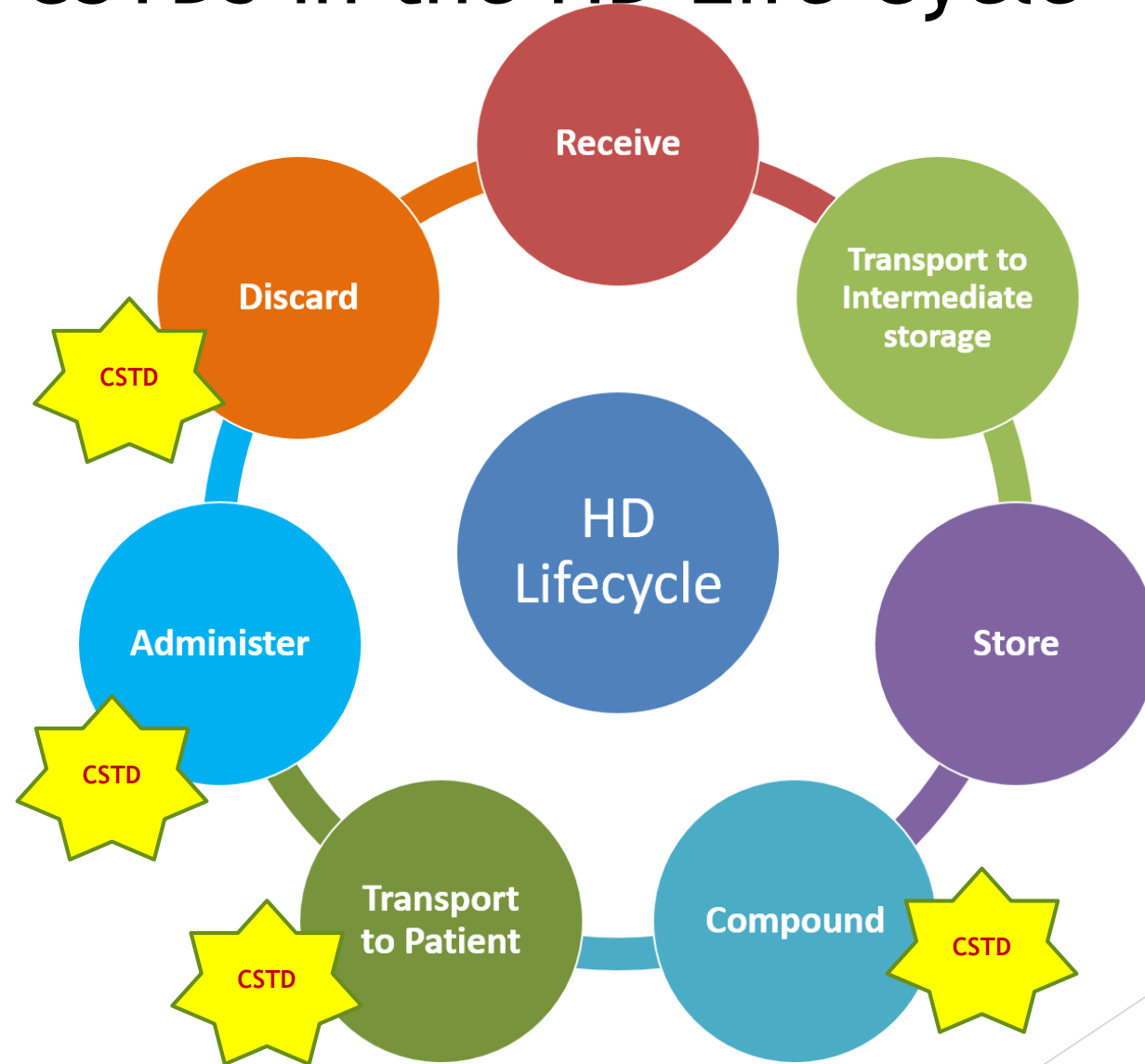
- ▶ In addition to preventing transfer of environmental contaminants (e.g., bacteria) into vials in which parenteral medications are prepared, CSTDs serve the important function of protecting health care professionals compounding and administering hazardous drugs (HD) from the occupational hazard of chronic, low-level exposure to carcinogenic and/or teratogenic medications.
- ▶ Microbial Ingress Testing
  - ▶ Expected Testing - Not clearly defined by FDA
  - ▶ Many CSTD manufacturers have tested their product

# Summary of CSTDs

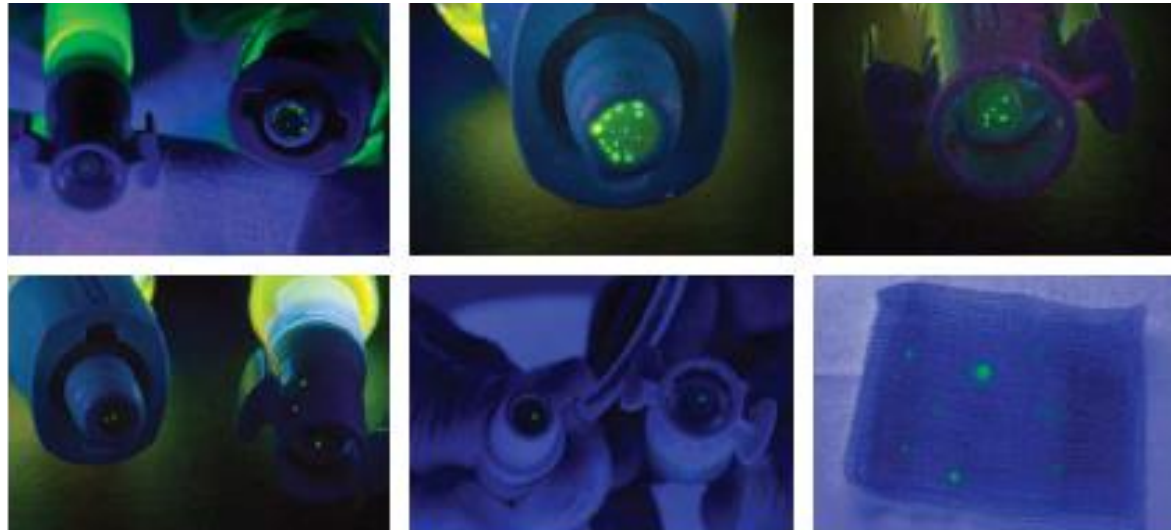
Device	Manufacturer	FDA Cleared
BD Phaseal™ System	Becton Dickinson and Company; Carmel Pharma, Inc. (original)	1998
Spiros®	ICU Medical, Inc.	2005
Texium™ with SmartSite™	Becton Dickinson and Company; CareFusion, Inc. (original)	2006
OnGuard® with Tevadaptor®	B. Braun Medical Inc. (U.S. distributor) TEVA Medical, Ltd. (manufacturer)	2006
ChemoClave®	ICU Medical, Inc.	2006
Equashield®	Equashield, LLC; Plastmed, Ltd. (original)	2008
ChemoLock®	ICU Medical, Inc.	2013
ChemoSafety	Becton, Dickinson and Company; CareFusion, Inc. (original)	2013
EquaShield II®	Equashield, LLC	2014
Halo®	Corvida Medical	2015
Arisure®	Baxter	2017

Source: BD & the Joint Commission Resources; Improving safe handling Practices for Hazardous Drugs. Toolkit 2016

# The use of CSTDs in the HD Life Cycle



# Visualizing Dry Connections



Fluorescein



Spiras™ & Claws by ICU Medical Inc. (Some connections also found on Genie™)

B. Braun OnGuard™ Vial Adaptor & Syringe Adaptor by Tava Medical Ltd.

Alertis SmartSite™ Vented Vial Access Device & Tactum™ Male Luer by Cardinal Health

PhaSeal™ Protector & Injector Luer Lock by Carmel Pharma

Litmus with Lemon Juice

# Visualizing Vapors



**Figure 1.** *PhaSeal* with no release of titanium smoke.



**Figure 2.** *OnGuard Tevadaptor* with release of titanium smoke.



**Figure 3.** *Alaris Smart Site* with release of titanium smoke.



**Figure 4.** *Codan Chemo-protect Spike* with release of titanium smoke.



**Figure 5.** *Chemo Mini-Spike Plus* with release of titanium smoke.

- ▶ 5 Devices tested
  - ▶ PhaSeal; Onguard; Texium; Chemo Protectspike; Chemo Minispoke plus
- ▶ Titanium tetrachloride, generates visible smoke with moisture in the air
  - ▶ Forms hydrochloric gas and titanium dioxide
  - ▶ Vapor particle is less than 0.2 micron
- ▶ 1 of the 5 demonstrated to contain vapor



# HD Compounding Strategies: Use of CSTDs

- ▶ Key CSTD Features

- ▶ Containment

- ▶ Performance Testing Criteria - VAPOR

- ▶ Performance Testing Criteria - Microbial Ingress Testing (Container Closure Integrity Testing)

- ▶ User & Design interface

- ▶ Integration

- ▶ Workflow

- ▶ Repetitive strain reduction

- ▶ Pre-bonded components





# HD Compounding Strategies: Use of CSTDs

- ▶ Provides additional safeguards to prevent occupational exposure to nursing and other staff who administer these drugs
- ▶ Provides additional safeguards to patients, families and organizational environments by reducing risk of exposure to HDs
- ▶ Increased operational cost associated with CSTD use
  - ▶ Reimbursement isn't routinely available

Remember, CSTDs still can't prevent damage or spills from poor handling or transport!

# Performance of CSTDs - Caveat Emptor

- ▶ CSTDs have shown ability to limit (not prevent) the potential of generating aerosols and reduce (not eliminate) HD contamination in the workplace.
- ▶ Not all marketed CSTDs have been studied
- ▶ Capture technology appears to perform better than other technologies



# Key Points

- ▶ Reduces HD contamination inside the C-PEC thereby reducing the amount of HD contamination available for migration out of the C-PEC into the C-SEC and C-SCA
- ▶ Improves compounding efficiency since negative pressure compounding techniques significantly increase the length of sterile compounding
- ▶ An efficiency study<sup>1</sup> that actually has shown that using a CSTD actually decreases the amount of time from preparation to administration

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