Caution: You Are Administering Hazardous Drugs. Are You Using Safe Handling Practices?
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Summary: This presentation reviews the NIOSH guidelines, USP Chapter <800> requirements/standards related to nursing, describes safe-handling practices, and discusses the technology and procedures available to decrease the risks of handling, preparing, and administering hazardous drugs.

Nursing Implications:
• USP Chapter <800> provides standards for safe handling of hazardous drugs to minimize the risk of exposure to healthcare personnel, patients, and the environment.
• Responsibilities of personnel handling hazardous drugs are outlined in the NIOSH guidelines.
• Routes of exposure to hazardous drugs are inhalation, dermal absorption, ingestion or injection.
• Spills of hazardous drugs must be managed with a hazardous drug spill kit.

Key Takeaways:
• NIOSH identifies three groups of hazardous drugs: antineoplastic drugs, non-antineoplastic hazardous drugs, and drugs with reproductive effects.
• These standards apply to all healthcare personnel who receive, prepare, administer, transport, or otherwise come in contact with hazardous drugs.
• Ensuring compliance with USP Chapter <800> is the responsibility of regulators such as the FDA, states, and other government authorities.

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References:
