Two Related Issues for Oncologists

Sterile Compounding
- Ensuring patients do not receive contaminated medicine
- New England Compounding Center meningitis outbreak

Safe Handling of Hazardous Drugs
- Protecting workers from unintended occupational exposure to hazardous drugs
- Poor reproductive outcomes in nurses
- Reports of health effects of occupational exposure
Overview

California Laws and Regulations

Issues on a Larger Scale

California Sterile Compounding Legislation & Regulations

Senate Bill 294

• Signed by the Governor on October 4, 2013
• Requires pharmacies involved in sterile compounding to have a sterile compounding license from the Board of Pharmacy
• Requires the Board of Pharmacy to establish regulations and update them when national standards related to sterile compounding are updated

Board of Pharmacy Compounding Regulations

• Effective January 1, 2017
• Include requirements for sterile compounding of normal and hazardous drugs
• Do not require direct compliance with USP <797> or <800>, but instead have selected requirements from each chapter
Do these Board of Pharmacy Regulations Apply to my Practice?

Ask your lawyer!

Three Considerations

- Board of Pharmacy Jurisdiction
- Definition of Hazardous Drugs
- Definition of Compounding
What is a Hazardous Drug?

- Drugs considered hazardous include those that exhibit one or more of the following six characteristics in humans or animals:
  - Carcinogenicity
  - Teratogenicity or other developmental toxicity
  - Reproductive toxicity
  - Organ toxicity at low doses
  - Genotoxicity
  - Structure and toxicity profiles of new drugs that mimic existing drugs determined hazardous by the above criteria


Unless you are in California...

The California Board of Pharmacy defines hazardous drugs as “all anti-neoplastic agents identified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) as meeting the criteria for a hazardous drug and any other drugs, compounds, or materials identified as hazardous by the pharmacist-in-charge.”

California Board of Pharmacy Regulations 16 § 1735.1(r)
What is Compounding?

“Compounding” means any of the following activities occurring in a licensed pharmacy, by or under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, pursuant to a prescription:

1. Altering the dosage form or delivery system of a drug
2. Altering the strength of a drug
3. Combining components or active ingredients
4. Preparing a compounded drug preparation from chemicals or bulk substances

California Board of Pharmacy Regulations 16 § 1735(a)

What is Compounding?

Focus on exclusions

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Highlights of CA Board of Pharmacy Regulations

- Pharmacy must establish policies and procedures for proper garbing when compounding with hazardous products.
- Pharmacy must establish procedures for handling, compounding and disposal of hazardous agents (including cleanups and spills).
Highlights of CA Board of Pharmacy Regulations

• Hazardous drugs must be compounded in a biological safety cabinet (BSC)
  — HEPA filtered air in and out of cabinet
  — Must be externally vented
• BSC must be located in an externally ventilated, physically separated room
  — Negative pressure of between 0.01 to 0.03 inches of water column relative to all adjacent spaces
  — If beyond use date (BUD) > 12 hours - Cleanroom
    • ISO Class 7
    • 30 air changes per hour of HEPA-filtered supply air
  — If BUD < 12 hours – Segregated Compounded Area
    • 12 air changes per hour of HEPA-filtered supply air

CA Board of Pharmacy Regulations

• Board of Pharmacy Regulations:
  http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/1735_ooa_clean.pdf

• Regulation FAQs:
Future Updates to CA Board of Pharmacy Regulations

- Updates to USP <797> are expected as early as 2020
- California law requires the Board of Pharmacy to update regulations when national sterile compounding standards are updated

California Safe Handling Legislation & Regulations

- Assembly Bill 1202
  - Signed by the Governor on October 9, 2013
  - Requires Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt standards for handling hazardous drugs
  - These standards must be consistent with and not exceed recommendations adopted by NIOSH

- Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board Proposed Regulations
  - First Occupational Exposure to Antineoplastic Drugs advisory meeting hosted in June 2014
  - Discussion draft of regulations released October 13, 2015
  - Most recent Occupational Exposure to Antineoplastic Drugs advisory meeting hosted in October 2015.
Will these Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board Regulations Apply to my Practice?

Yes!

Highlights of Proposed Regulations

• Closed System Transfer Devices (CSTDs) must be used when compounding or administering antineoplastic drugs when the dosage form allows
• Comprehensive personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements
• Employers must establish a Medical Surveillance Program
Status on Proposed OSHA Regulations

• Occupational Exposure to Antineoplastic Drugs Advisory Meetings:
  http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Antineoplastic-Drugs/

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Issues on a Larger Scale
Who regulates sterile compounding and the safe handling of hazardous drugs?

USP

- Nonprofit organization
- Develops standards for the strength, quality, purity, and consistency of medicines, food ingredients, dietary supplements, and ingredients
- Publishes the United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary
USP Compounding Chapters

USP <795> Pharmaceutical Compounding – Nonsterile Preparations

USP <797> Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations

USP <800> Hazardous Drugs – Handling in Healthcare Settings

USP <797> Timeline

Original Chapter
- Published in June 2008

First Draft Revision
- Proposed revisions released September 2015
- Comments accepted through January 2016

Second Draft Revision
- USP is currently developing the second draft and does not have a date for publication

Revised Chapter
- We have heard that the final chapter will not be published until 2020
### USP <800> Timeline

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| First Draft Chapter | • First draft chapter released May 2014  
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| Second Draft Chapter| • Second, revised draft chapter released December 2014  
                      • Comments accepted through May 2015                               |
| Final Chapter       | • Final chapter published February 2016  
                      • Chapter becomes “effective” July 2018                              |

### Where can I access USP <797> & <800>?

- Old draft versions of the chapters are available for free on USP’s website
- Final, official versions must be purchased from USP
Most of the regulation in this area boils down to...

What happens at the state level

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Best Practices

Even if you are not legally beholden to the requirements of safe handling standards, protecting patient and worker safety should be a priority.
Elements of a Safe Handling Program

- Aseptic Technique
- Engineering Controls
- Education & Training
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Established Policies

ASCO Engagement/Advocacy

- Comments on USP <797> & <800> draft chapters
- Supporting State Affiliates in their work with state legislatures and regulators on standards that are appropriate for oncology practices
- Development of safe handling standards specifically for oncology practices
- Collaboration with other stakeholders on educational materials
Questions?

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