

# Handling an Accidental Chemotherapy Spill

## FOR ACCIDENTAL SPILLS OR TUBING LEAKS:

Follow the instructions below and contact the InfuSystem Nursing Hotline: 1-800-315-3287.

### IMPORTANT:

- Always wear two pairs of gloves when dealing with a spill.
- Notify your health care provider that a spill has occurred.
- Clean up all spills immediately.

1. Stop the infusion.
2. Clamp the pump tubing. Refer to images below.



3. Clean hazardous drug spills immediately. Wear protective gloves and blot the spill dry with a paper towel. Clean the area three times with soap and water.
4. Dispose of all materials used for clean-up into the Ziplock chemotherapy plastic bag.
5. Immediately remove clothing soiled with medication.
6. When handling bed linens or clothing soiled by medication, do not touch the soiled area with your bare hands. Immediately place the linens or clothing in the washing machine. Wash items separately from other laundry in hot water. If you are unable to wash these items immediately, place them in a sealed plastic bag until they can be washed.

## IF MEDICATION HAS GOTTEN ON YOUR SKIN/EYES

1. Chemotherapy drugs spilled on your skin may cause irritation. Wash the area thoroughly with soap and water; then dry the area. Observe the skin for next 7 days. If redness or skin irritation occurs, contact your doctor.
2. If the drug splashes into your eyes, flush eyes with tap water for at least 15 minutes. Then, contact your health care provider.

## DISPOSING OF CHEMOTHERAPY EXPOSED ITEMS

1. Place all supplies coming in direct contact with chemotherapy in a specially marked chemotherapy or hazardous waste bag.
2. Seal the waste bag and return bag to your physician's office for proper disposal.

