# KNOW YOUR EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS DRUGS

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### What is the exposure?



U.S. healthcare workers are exposed to hazardous drugs every year<sup>1</sup>



doses of hazardous drugs are handled by U.S. providers each year<sup>2</sup>



Drugs are classified as hazardous when they possess any of these characteristics1:

- Impact or damage DNA/genes
- Cause cancer
- Contribute to infertility
- Impact a developing embryo or fetus
- Cause developmental abnormalities
- Cause organ damage
- Have a similar structure or function to drugs that are determined to be hazardous

## What are the potential risks?

#### Acute<sup>3</sup> and long term effects<sup>4,5</sup>

Hearing loss Cardiac toxicity Kidney damage Hair loss Nausea

Rashes



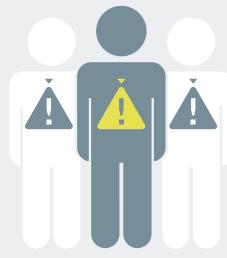




## Who is at risk?

### Anyone handling hazardous drugs is at risk of exposure<sup>1</sup>

- **Pharmacists**
- Pharmacy Technicians
- Nurses
- Physicians
- Surgeons
- Physician Assistants
- **Respiratory Therapists**
- Home Health Aides
- Nurses' Aides
- Housekeeping
  - Janitorial Services Environmental Services
  - Veterinarians
  - Veterinarian Technicians
  - Veterinarian Assistants



## Where can exposure occur?

## Exposure can take place in any healthcare setting<sup>1,6</sup>



**Pharmacies** 







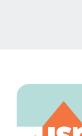


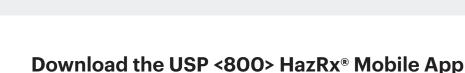
## Every aspect of handling hazardous drugs may result

How can exposure occur?

in exposure if proper precautions are not taken<sup>1,6</sup>

















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