

# PHARMACY QI

Practical Tips for Quality Improvement

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## HANDLING OF CYTOTOXIC AND HAZARDOUS DRUGS

Proper handling of these agents should prevent undue hazard to staff.

Proper Handling = No Touch Technique



**Do Not Touch.  
Do Not Crush.**



**Wear gloves when  
administering.**

(Tablets/capsules → single gloves)  
(All other dosage forms → double gloves)



**When at risk of exposure  
from a spill: Wear  
personal protective  
equipment (PPE).**



- If a resident needs his/her medications crushed, contact pharmacy to discuss alternatives.
- Improper handling could lead to exposure by inhalation, eye/skin contact, or needlestick injuries.

Reference: Medical Pharmacies Policy and Procedure Manual – Policy 5-6.