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.