Visante Consulting Services:

Hazardous Drugs Safety Program

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Achieve USP 800 compliance quickly and efficiently to protect staff, patients & environment

As the USP 800 compliance deadline moves closer every day, it is urgent for healthcare organizations to take the important steps necessary to follow the important regulatory standards for the safe handling of hazardous drugs. USP 800 covers the entire process of medication delivery, from ordering and selection all the way through medication disposal, so a comprehensive strategy is critical for a cost-effective, safe approach to compliance.

Consider how USP 800 will impact your facility:

- Development and implementation of a hazardous drug list
- Separate storage for hazardous drugs
- Designated areas for receiving hazardous drugs
- Separated refrigeration for hazardous drugs
- Compounding "gloves boxes" no longer acceptable by themselves
- Removal of the "low volume" exception of USP 800
- Integration of closed-system transfer devices

Our experts prepare you for compliance

Visante consultants have been monitoring and providing input to USP for the proposed USP 800 guidelines. Our knowledge, coupled with our extensive experience in design, development and management of sterile compounding facilities will help your organization to identify gaps and quickly prepare for compliance in a cost-effective manner.

Know your organization's risk points

The National Institutes for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) estimates 8 million healthcare providers in the US are at risk for exposure to hazardous drugs. Workers may be subjected during manufacture, transport, distribution, receipt, storage preparation, administration and disposal. Additional risks associated with handling hazardous drugs include needle sticks, leaks or spills, inhalation via aerosols, and vapor. Who in your organization is at risk? Have they been educated on the risk?

"Our team helps clients to quickly identify and fill major gaps in hazardous drug handling that can impact safety, drug quality and manage production costs."

— Fred Massoomi, PharmD, FASHP, Visante Senior Director

Hazardous Drug Path

"USP 800 is a significant step forward in helping organizations reduce the risk of exposure to hazardous drugs for healthcare workers. It's in everyone's best interest to achieve full compliance as quickly as possible." — Jim Jorgenson, Visante CEO

Let us come alongside your pharmacy to help you move to the next level of compliance in a way that will optimize care and meet regulatory and safety requirements in a cost-effective manner.

"Hospitals are often surprised at the excellent return on investment they can obtain by expanding compounding capabilities. The key to success is a sound, practice business strategy with advanced clinical protocols."

– Ken Latta, RPh, FIACP, FACA, Visante Senior Consultant

USP 797 compliance program

Visante consultants provide a swift yet thorough assessment of your current operations relating to USP 797. We provide a report highlighting your risk points, including specific recommendations that will correct problem areas using the most cost-effective means available.

Sterile and non-sterile hazardous drug compounding facility design and implementation

A comprehensive, detailed analysis of your opportunity to develop new sterile and non-sterile compounding facilities and operations for hazardous drugs is a key area of expertise for Visante. Our team is prepared to help you design, build and manage your facility, operations, technology and staff so you can make the most of your sterile compounding services.

USP 800 gap analysis and preparation

Each practice site that handles hazardous drugs varies in overall compliance due to a lack of a practice standard prior to February, 2016. USP 800 provides the baseline for sites to conduct a gap analysis to minimal practice safety practice standards and prepare for investment in capital, personnel and process changes. The mandates and recommendations listed in USP 800 vary from simplistic process changes to complex engineering control changes. Budgeting and scheduling should be in play today for any healthcare sites handling these drugs.

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