

WAC 296-62-50005 Scope. (1) This chapter applies to all employees in health care facilities regardless of the setting that have employees with occupational exposure to hazardous drugs.

(2) Chapter application.

(a) The requirements in this rule only apply to the hazardous drugs being used in the workplace.

(b) If hazardous drugs are being used in the workplace the requirements in this rule only apply if there is reasonably anticipated occupational exposure as defined in WAC 296-62-50010.

(c) If there is reasonably anticipated occupational exposure to one or more hazardous drugs, the employer must develop a hazardous drugs control program as required in section WAC 296-62-50015.

(d) For purposes of making the determinations in this section about scope and application, occupational exposure is that exposure which would be reasonably anticipated in the absence of engineering controls or PPE.

(3) The following lists jobs that may involve occupational exposure to hazardous drugs. This is not an exhaustive list and there may be other jobs that fall within the scope of this chapter:

(a) Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

(b) Physicians and physician assistants.

(c) Nurses (ARNPs, RNs, LPNs).

(d) Patient care assistive personnel (e.g., health care assistants, nursing assistants).

(e) Operating room personnel.

(f) Home health care workers.

(g) Veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

(h) Environmental services employees (e.g., housekeeping, laundry, and waste disposal) in health care facilities.

(i) Employees in health care facilities who ship, or receive hazardous drugs from the manufacturer or distributor.

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