ONCOLOGY PROVIDERS:

TAKE A STAND AGAINST CHEMOTHERAPY’S DEADLIEST SIDE EFFECT—Neutropenia

THE PROBLEM

60,000 cancer patients hospitalized each year

1 out of 14 die*

Many experience disruptions in chemo schedules

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT INFECTIONS

**Perform hand hygiene frequently**

**Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Practice and promote respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette**

Never reuse syringes, needles, saline bags, single-dose vials, or IV tubing

Use aseptic technique

Clean and disinfect devices and environmental surfaces regularly

BE VIGILANT

It can save lives!

If you suspect an infection in a patient, report it to the appropriate personnel.

EMPOWER YOUR PATIENTS

3 Important Things to Tell your Patients

Clean your hands often

Call your doctor right away if you develop a fever

Get a flu shot

*Caggiano, Weiss, Rickert, and Linde-Zwirble, 2005

Preventing Infections in Cancer Patients is a comprehensive initiative led by CDC and the CDC Foundation to reduce infections in cancer patients. For more information on this topic and to learn more about this program, please visit [www.PreventCancerInfections.org](http://www.PreventCancerInfections.org).

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