

# 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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