



# Safe handling recommendations for occupational safety

## *7. Environmental monitoring*

- Environmental monitoring for oncology drug contamination in the work place should be part of a comprehensive program in hospitals
- Measurement of hazardous substances can be done by quantifying them in air samples or taking wipes from surfaces
- The wipe sampling plan should set out specific goals, list the actions and equipment required to achieve them, specify the names of the attendees and the timelines for the activities
- Discuss results with the local working team
- If contamination is present, identify the source of the contamination, review standard operating procedures (SOPs) and consider additional cleaning and decontamination procedures
- The assessment procedure should be repeated on a regular basis