



Safe handling recommendations for patients

8. *Oral oncology drugs*

Handling oral oncology drugs:

- Choose an appropriate area where you can handle it safely (away from children, kitchen)
- Wash your hands before and after each dose. If you are a caregiver wear gloves.
- The tablets should be swallowed whole with a glass of water (do not crush, chew or dissolve)
- Always keep the same time schedule

Storage:

- Keep the medicines in their original packaging, at recommended temperature conditions, away from direct sunlight and sources of heat or moisture. Keep out of the reach and sight of children.
- Bring leftover medication to the hospital at each visit. Do not discard the medication on your own.

Precautions:

- Check with your health care team before getting any vaccinations, surgery, dental work or other medical procedures
- Do not take this medicine and contact a health care professional if you are allergic or intolerant to any component of the tablet
- Take precautions if you live with persons who are trying to conceive, pregnant or breast-feeding
- Smoking or drinking alcohol may decrease the effectiveness of the treatment or increase the occurrence of side effects