



Safe handling recommendations for occupational safety

1. Since the early 1980s, international attention has increasingly been drawn to the potential risks associated with occupational exposure to antineoplastic, carcinogenic and other hazardous drugs used in the treatment of cancer
2. In 2022 ESOP (European Society of Oncology Pharmacy) established a SIG (Special Interest Group) focusing on safe working and occupational exposure, called MASHA SIG. MASHA is an acronym for Research about Environmental Contamination by Cytotoxics and the **MA**nagement of **S**afe **HA**ndling Procedures)
3. The SIG recommendations list in a concise, clear, and scientifically accurate way, some basic concepts around safe handling which can be widely disseminated to healthcare personnel in an attempt to reduce the risks of exposure to antineoplastic agents
4. They are based on the ESOP Quality Standards for the Oncology Pharmacy Service (QuapoS) which provide accurate and detailed recommendations for the proper handling of oncology drugs