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I really like the idea of this survey & hope the results can be utilized to make positive changes so that those that work with these agents understand the potential risks, along with the benefits of adequately protecting themselves. I also hope that organizations receive this information & are held to the recommendations & work towards supporting their employees to uphold the recommendations.

One comment...the 2004 alert from you all at NIOSH spoke to Hazardous Drugs, not just antineoplastic agents. We worked very hard at this institution to create our hazardous drug list (per your recommendations) & while the majority of agents were antineoplastic or chemotherapy drugs, there were a few that fell outside of that definition. Is there a way to survey for Hazardous Agents in the broader sense & not just chemotherapy agents? I realize that each institution may have a different list of what they have determined to be hazardous, but I do feel by not including the larger group we could perpetuate the idea that chemo drugs are the only hazardous drug out there that staff need to protect themselves.

Thanks.