

# Safe Handling Of Oral Cancer Medications In The Home



WASH YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY WITH SOAP AND WATER AFTER HANDLING.



STORE ALL ORAL CANCER DRUGS IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINER IN A SAFE PLACE, AND AWAY FROM ALL OTHER MEDICATIONS.



ALL MEDICATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND PETS AND SHOULD BE STORED AWAY FROM FOOD AND DRINKS.



IF YOU USE A PILL BOX, KEEP ONE JUST FOR ORAL CANCER DRUGS. **Do Not Mix** ORAL CANCER DRUGS WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS. THEY SHOULD ALWAYS REMAIN SEPARATE.



IF YOU HAVE ANY LEFTOVER CANCER MEDICATIONS, **NEVER** THROW IT AWAY IN THE TRASH OR FLUSH IT DOWN THE TOILET. ASK YOUR HEALTHCARE TEAM HOW YOU SHOULD RETURN IT SAFELY.



REFER TO THE INFORMATION THAT YOU RECEIVED WITH YOUR MEDICATION ON HOW TO PROPERLY STORE IT. SOME MAY NEED SPECIAL STORAGE, SUCH AS REFRIGERATION OR AWAY FROM HEAT OR SUNLIGHT.



KEEP THE LOCAL POISON CONTROL CENTER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER HANDY IN CASE A PET, CHILD, OR OTHER MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD ACCIDENTALLY SWALLOWS THE MEDICATION. THE NATIONAL NUMBER, WHICH WILL ROUTE YOU TO THE LOCAL CENTER BASED ON YOUR AREA CODE, IS 1-800-222-1222.



CHECK WITH THE PHARMACY BEFORE CUTTING OR CRUSHING ANY TABLETS. CAPSULES SHOULD NOT BE OPENED. IF CAPSULES ARE ACCIDENTALLY OPENED OR DAMAGED, PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID INHALING OR CONTACT WITH YOUR SKIN, EYES, OR MOUTH. YOU SHOULD WEAR GLOVES AND A MASK FOR CLEAN-UP.