

# USP 800

What is it, Why does it matter,  
and What you can do to prepare

## WHO DOES USP 800 APPLY TO?

USP 800 affects personnel in ALL healthcare settings. From Nurses, Med Aides and CNAs to housekeeping staff that dispose of contaminated waste, they are all affected by this new regulation. While recent changes mean that the rules will be recommended, rather than required, it is full of important steps you should consider.

## WHAT IS USP 800?

USP 800 is a new regulation aimed to promote patient and personnel safety in relation to the handling of hazardous medications. It may change the way you protect your staff and provides recommendations that may be significant changes to current policies and procedures.

## WHEN DOES USP 800 GO INTO EFFECT?

Full implementation is planned for 12/1/2019.

## WHY DOES USP 800 MATTER?

Numerous studies demonstrate the dangers of handling hazardous drugs. According to the CDC, 8 million healthcare workers are exposed to hazardous drugs each year due to improper handling precautions. This regulation promotes patient safety, worker safety and environmental protection.

Cononus Pharmacy is here to help.

Contact us to assist in developing your plan.

## HOW CAN I PREPARE?

### IMPLEMENT HAZARD COMMUNICATION PROGRAM:

- Written policies and procedures indicating how you will identify and address the hazards.
- Designate a responsible person

### CREATE AN ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

- List of hazardous drugs in facility
- Determine risks faced by your staff when handling hazardous drugs or bodily fluids of those taking hazardous drugs

### TRAIN STAFF AND DOCUMENT COMPETENCY:

- A comprehensive training program for staff that may have exposure
- Use proper protective garb to minimize risk
- Assessment of competency

### INVEST IN PPE:

- Gloves – ASTM tested D6978
- Gowns – close in the back
- Surgical Mask – N95 fitted
- Other PPE as determined by your P & Ps