

CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPING FINAL ORAL CHEMO STANDARDS

This set of criteria should be used in group deliberation to guide and focus discussion concerning the statements in each component of the standards.

- ❖ Final standards should comply with the following criteria:
 - Applicable to diverse organizations that prescribe or supervise administration of oral chemotherapy to patients
 - Focused on safety
 - Focused on site policies and procedures that address treatment planning, patient/caregiver education, adherence and toxicity monitoring, and safe handling of oral chemotherapy
 - Neutral to the location of care
 - Appropriate for use for internal and external safety monitoring
 - Compliance with standards, as written, should be measurable
 - Standard language should be clear enough to ensure reliable, consistent interpretation among users and sites
- ❖ Final standards in each component should include at least one standard which is focused on patient/caregiver teaching

For the purpose of these standards, chemotherapy is defined as: Antineoplastic agents, regardless of route of administration, to treat cancer or the combination of these drugs into a standardized treatment regimen. Types include: targeted agents, alkylating agents, antimetabolites, plant alkaloids and terpenoids, topoisomerase inhibitors, antitumor antibiotics, monoclonal antibodies, hormonal therapy and biologics.