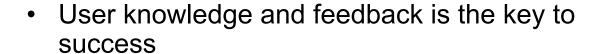


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Safety Alert 04/06

Safe Use of Vincristine

Vincristine is an intravenous chemotherapy drug

Vincristine, a medicine commonly used in the treatment of leukaemias and lymphomas, is neurotoxic and must only be administered intravenously.

Background

Vincristine must not be administered intrathecally.

Sentinel events associated with the inadvertent intrathecal administration of vincristine have been reported in Australia and overseas. This error results in a fatal outcome in 85% of cases with devastating neurological effects in the few survivors.

Recently in NSW a near miss involving an intravenous chemotherapy agent was reported. The drug was almost injected intrathecally but implementation of local policy averted this error.

Implementing the actions in this Safety Alert will reduce the risk of inappropriate intrathecal injections.





ISMP List of High-Alert Medications in Acute Care Settings

https://www.ismp.org

High-alert medications are drugs that bear a heightened risk of causing significant patient harm when they are used in error. Although mistakes may or may not be more common with these drugs, the consequences of an error are clearly more devastating to patients



Treatment intention: Palliative

Chemotherapy regimen - Breastcancer Pembrolizumab-Paklitaxel weekly 21 days with pause C50

Cycle intervall: 21 days Overview

Drug

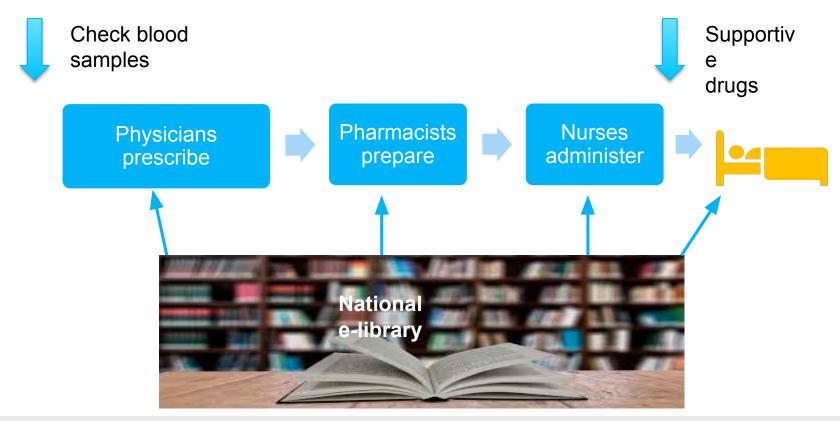
Substance	Admin- istration	Dilution	Infusion time	Dose/ adm.	Dosing	Max dose/ adm.	Max ack. dose
1. Pembrolizumab	Intravenous infusion	100 ml Sodium chlorid 0,9% infusion	30 min.	200 mg	Standard dos	se	
2. Paklitaxel	Intravenous infusion	250 ml Sodium chlorid 0,9% infusion	60 min.	80 mg/m ²	BSA		

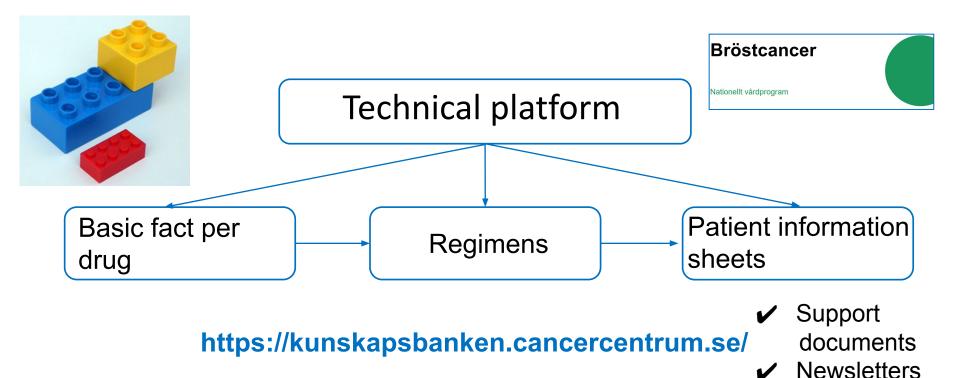
Regimen description

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	New cycle day 22
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Emetogenicity: Low

Chemotherapy process – joint tool



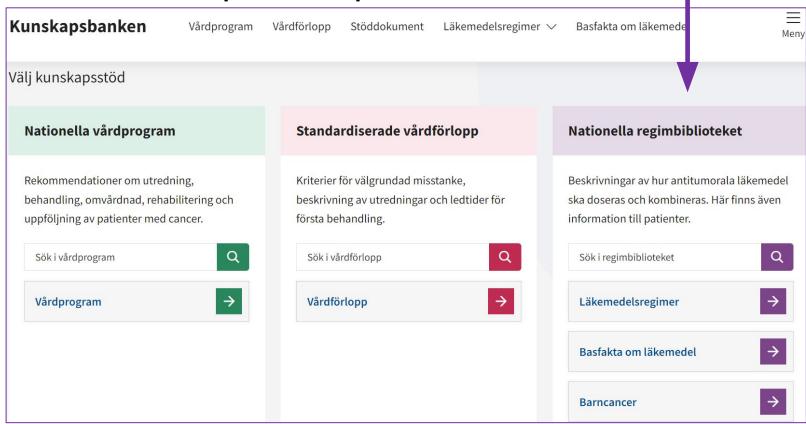


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Computerised physician order entry



https://kunskapsbanken.cancercentrum.se/



Joint effort



Reference group



Task specific team

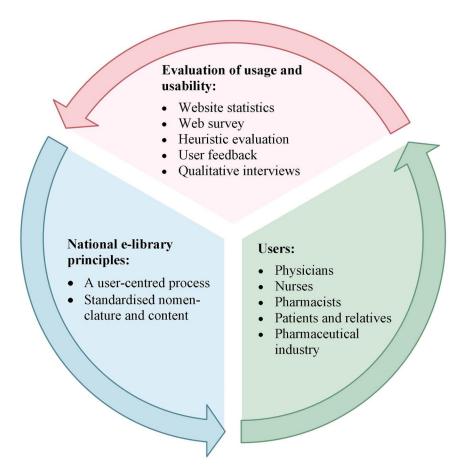


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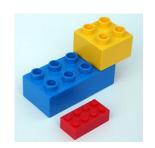


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