

Southern Hospital

Ontario Regulation 67/93...*Health Care and Residential Facilities*

1. Section 97

Pursuant to Section 97 (1) (2) of the Health Care and Residential Facilities Regulation 67/90:

- (1) The employer shall, in consultation with the health and safety committee or health and safety representative, if any, develop, establish and put into effect written measures and procedures to protect workers may be exposed to antineoplastic agents or material or equipment contaminated with antineoplastic agents.
- (2) The measures and procedures required by subsection (1) shall include,
 - (a) procedures for the storing, preparing, handling, using, transporting and disposing of antineoplastic agents and material contaminated with antineoplastic agents;
 - (b) emergency procedures to be followed in event of a worker's exposure to antineoplastic agents by a needle puncture, inhalation or skin contact;
 - (c) procedures for the maintenance and disposal of equipment contaminated with antineoplastic agents;
 - (d) measures for the use of engineering controls work practices, hygiene practices and facilities or personal protective equipment appropriate in the circumstances; and
 - (e) measures for the use of an appropriate biological safety cabinet for the preparation of antineoplastic agents.

At the time of this investigation is was found that many of the measures and procedures required for compliance with this section or the regulation were not present.

Pursuant to Section 97 (3) of the Health Care and Residential Facilities Regulation 67/90: the employer shall provide training and instruction in the measures and procedures described in subsection (2) to workers who may be exposed to antineoplastic agents or to material or equipment contaminated with antineoplastic agents. Once compliance has been achieved for the previous order ie. all measures and procedures have been completed to meet requirements of Sections 97 (2) the employer shall provide training and instruction in the measures and procedures developed for antineoplastic agents.