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To,
The Directors/ Medical Superintendents
(Prominent Hospitals in NCT of Delhi with Oncology Speciality)

ADVISORY

Subject: Advisory for record maintenance, and safe disposal of empty containers (vials) of anti-cancer drugs to prevent their misuse, resale, and counterfeiting – reg.

As you are aware that life-saving anti-cancer drugs, especially high-value immunotherapeutic agents, are increasingly being targeted by unscrupulous elements for unlawful gains through counterfeiting, diversion, and resale. Instances have been reported wherein used empty vials of genuine drugs are being refilled with spurious or substandard substances and reintroduced into the supply chain, posing a grave risk to public health and patient safety.

Considering the serious nature of such malpractices and to safeguard the integrity of the drug supply chain, all stakeholders, particularly Oncology Specialty Hospitals are hereby advised to strictly adhere to the following:

- 1. Procurement and Verification:** Ensure procurement of anti-cancer drugs only from authorized and licensed sources, Maintain complete documentation of purchase, including batch numbers, invoices, and supplier details. Verify authenticity of drugs through available mechanisms such as manufacturer verification systems, barcodes, etc.
- 2. Record Keeping** Records of receipt and usage of each vial/unit, patient administration records, balance stock and wastage, if any be maintained.
- 3. Disposal of Empty Vials/Containers.** All used empty vials, ampoules must be rendered unusable immediately after use, by crushing, mutilation, or defacing labels, breaking vials to prevent reuse and dispose of such materials in accordance with Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules. Under no circumstances should intact empty containers be discarded or handed over without destruction.
- 4. Prevention of Misuse and Diversion** Internal protocols may be made to ensure that no empty containers are pilfered or diverted which may include periodic audits of drug usage and disposal practices. Wherever feasible, surveillance or monitoring mechanisms in high-risk areas may be installed
- 5. Reporting of Suspicious Activities** Any suspicion of counterfeit drugs, diversion, or illegal activities regarding above may immediately be reported to the Drugs Control Department and to Cooperate with regulatory authorities during inspections.

This advisory is issued in public interest to ensure patient safety and to maintain the integrity of the drug distribution system. All stakeholders are advised to comply with the above instructions in letter and spirit.

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