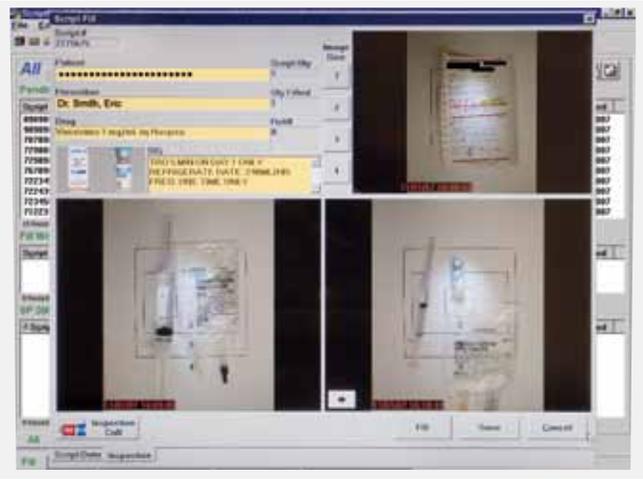# Cancer Clinic Pharmacy Employs Telepharmacy for Compounding Rooms

Pharmacy technicians work inside the sterile room.

Screen view of syringe, prepared medication, and prescription label images.

"The Avera Cancer Institute has three oncology clinics: gynecology, hematology, and medical. The pharmacy prepares medications for all three clinics. Chemotherapy is prepared in a negative pressure, hazardous drug compounding room. In the positive pressure, non-hazardous drug compounding room, we prepare antiemetics, premeds, etc. The pharmacy is staffed by two pharmacists and three technicians.

"We needed a system that would allow a pharmacist access to the sterile hazardous drug preparation room without having to leave the pharmacy to 'gown and garb' to enter the sterile room each time for verifying the chemotherapy solutions.

"ScriptPro's SP Central Telepharmacy System for Sterile Room Medication Preparation (SRMP) is comprehensive, but also user-friendly and visually appealing, with easy to read screenshots. We can make modifications ourselves, such as adding comments on the label. We feel we have control over the system, but also have access to the phenomenal ScriptPro customer support if we need it.

"In our hazardous drug preparation room we put three Telepharmacy stations next to sterile hoods, one station in the non-hazardous compounding room, and two verification stations in the main pharmacy.

Avera Cancer Institute Pharmacy
Customer Since 2010

Pharmacy Type: Institutional/Oncology
Location: Sioux Falls, SD
System: Telepharmacy for Sterile Room Medication Preparation

The technicians work inside the sterile rooms and the pharmacists are in the pharmacy.

"We know we're saving money and time with SRMP because without it, the pharmacists would be gowning and garbing as many as 25 times per day. SRMP allows the pharmacists to utilize and manage their time better—they are able to evaluate patient orders and perform medication management rather than taking time to gown and garb. It also prevents unnecessary exposure of hazardous drugs to staff.

"The reporting features greatly enhance our practice by helping us manage the scheduling of personnel, as well as our drug stock inventory. We use the reports to track workflow and can adjust staffing based on our busy times. Another report sorts drugs by usage quantities so we know conclusively which drugs are being used and what we need to order.

"I was impressed with the customer service when I visited the ScriptPro headquarters and saw the people on site, 24 hours a day, available to help and support us."

Sheila Zweifel, Pharm.D
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