BACKGROUND

Patient medication information handouts are useful tools for healthcare professionals to educate patients about their medications. These handouts are available for most systemic therapy drugs via the Cancer Drug Manual on the BC Cancer website. For medications not included in the Manual, patient information may be available from various resources/databases. Therefore, a guidance to selecting patient handouts from these databases would improve the efficiency of care delivery.

PROCEDURES:

The following flowchart describes a guidance to selecting patient medication handouts from databases selected for their appropriateness of contents and comprehensiveness of information:
Go to Cancer Drug Manual on BC Cancer website:
http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/cancer-drug-manual/drug-index

Is Cancer Drug Manual patient handout available?

Yes

Use Cancer Drug Manual patient handout

For non-English information:
- Cancer Drug Manual may have Chinese and Punjabi translations.
- When there is a Cancer Drug Manual English handout, avoid using Lexi-Comp or Medline Plus non-English handouts which may differ from the Cancer Drug Manual material and/or standard BC Cancer advice.

No

Is Lexi-Comp accessible?

Yes

Use Lexi-Comp patient medication handouts (http://online.lexi.com/crisql/servlet/crionline)

If unavailable, may use manufacturer’s consumer information if available

For non-English information, Lexi-Comp may have translated materials in other languages

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