



POSITION STATEMENT ON THE USE OF PART-BAG DOSES FOR THE INFUSION OF SYSTEMIC ANTI-CANCER THERAPY

The UK Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy (SACT) Board¹ has been made aware that some centres in the UK are using or have considered using part-bag doses for the infusion of SACT, for example when a dose reduction is required. The Board understands that this practice is not widespread and it also recognises that there may be occasions when SACT teams are under severe pressure. Nonetheless, the UK SACT Board considers the use of part-bag doses of SACT to be an unsafe practice that carries significant risks – both to patients and to SACT staff.

Of key concern are:

- the increased risk of SACT exposure to nursing staff disconnecting and disposing of part-used bags
- the risk of nursing staff inadvertently infusing a full bag instead of the intended part bag
- the potential inaccuracy of doses administered to the patient

The UK SACT Board does not therefore support or recommend the use of part-bag doses for the delivery of SACT.

¹ The UK SACT Board is a partnership between The Royal College of Radiologists, the Royal College of Physicians, the Association of Cancer Physicians, the British Oncology Pharmacy Association and the UK Oncology Nursing Society. It has representation from across the four UK nations and from other organisations closely involved in SACT services, including the Royal College of Pathologists, the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group, NHS England, the National Institute for Health Research, the UK Acute Oncology Society and the Immuno-Oncology Clinical Network.