Addressograph label

Consultant

Name of SACT regimen

Date of discharge from hospital after drain insertion

Dear Colleague,

The above named person has been discharged from the Edinburgh Cancer Centre with an implanted pleurex/ascitic drain (delete as appropriate). Please find enclosed a flow chart regarding the disposal of the fluid from the drain.

***Discharging professional to tick relevant boxes below:***

1. Your patient ***has not*** received systemic anticancer therapy (SACT) and fluid should not be considered to contain cytotoxic waste.
2. Your patient received systemic anticancer therapy (SACT) on ........................................ and therefore all fluid waste should be treated in accordance with the Safe Use of SACT Guidelines for seven days from this date.

Hereafter, for 7 days after the last treatment day of every cycle of SACT the fluid should be considered to contain cytotoxic waste.

1. Your patient will receive systemic anticancer therapy (SACT) in the near future and all fluid waste for 7 days after the last treatment day each cycle of SACT should be treated in accordance with the Safe Use of SACT Guidelines.

*All Health Professionals should follow all relevant Infection Control guidance for the disposal of bodily fluids.*

If either the patient or the District Nursing team are unable to empty the drain fluid into the toilet then please follow the instructions on the flow chart to arrange uplift.

No fluid should be transported in a District Nurse’s car.

Refer to[**GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE USE OF SYSTEMIC ANTI-CANCER THERAPIES (SACT\*)**](http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/Directory/ooqs-theoncologyonlinequalitysystem/Chemotherapy/Documents/Guidelines%20for%20the%20safe%20use%20of%20SACT.docx)- pages 31 to 33 which specifically deal with safe handling and disposal of bodily waste.

\*Follow embedded hyperlink or search for the title in capitals on the NHS Lothian intranet.