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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Specifically, I would like to request information on compounding practice, and automated compounding devices in your aseptic unit. If you are in the process of opening an aseptic unit, please answer these questions as if it was open, based on estimated volumes.

1. Section 1

**1.1 Do you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition in your aseptic unit?
(This should not include adding vitamins and trace elements to multi chamber licensed products)**

No.

If no, why?

- **Completely Outsourced**
- **Patient Numbers**
- **Other, please specify**

If no, please proceed to Section 2 and 3.

If yes, please proceed with the questions below.

1.2 How do you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition?

- **Automated Compounding Device (ACDs)**
- **Manual, Gravity or Syringe Fill (Please proceed to Section 2 and 3)**
- **Other, please specify (Please proceed to Section 2 and 3)**

Not applicable.

If you compound bespoke parenteral nutrition with an ACD, please answer the below.

1.3 How many validated and in-use ACDs do you have in your aseptic unit?

1.4 How many spares/not in-use ACDs do you have?

1.5 Do you own your ACDs or are they loaned?

1.6 How old are your ACDs?

- Between 1 and 3 years old
- Between 4 and 8 years old
- Older than 8 years old

Not applicable.

2. Section 2

2.1 Do you compound Systemic Anti-cancer Therapies (SACT) (chemotherapy and/or immunotherapy) in your aseptic unit?

Yes.

If no, why?

- Completely Outsourced
- Patient Numbers
- Other, please specify

Not applicable.

If no, please proceed to Section 3.

If yes, please proceed with the questions below.

2.2 How do you compound chemotherapy?

- Manually
- Automated compounding devices (ACDs)
- Repeater pumps
- Other, please specify

2.3 If you use automation, how many ACDs do you have validated and in use?

Not applicable.

2.4 What drug categories do you compound, and in what quantity?

- **MABS** ✓
- **Cytotoxics** ✓
- **Other, please specify**

2.5 What are your final filling containers?

- **IV bags** ✓
- **Syringes** ✓
- **Elastomeric devices** ✓
- **Other, please specify**

3. Section 3

3.1 Do you compound antibiotic preparations in your aseptic unit?

No.

If no, why?

- **Outsourced**
- **Patient Numbers**
- **Other, please specify** ✓
Unit not big enough to accommodate this.

If no, please disregard this section.

If yes, please proceed with the questions below.

3.2 How do you compound antibiotics?

- **Manually**
- **Automated compounding devices (ACDs)**
- **Repeater pumps**
- **Other, please specify**

3.3 If you use automation, how many ACDs do you have validated and in use?

3.4 What antibiotic quantities do you manufacture?

3.5 What are your final filling containers?

- **IV bags**
- **Syringes**
- **Elastomeric devices**
- **Other, please specify**

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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