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## **Deadline Extended for International Oncology Medication Safety Self Assessment**

**Horsham, Pa.**—To capture the most complete data set possible, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP), ISMP Canada, and the International Society of Oncology Pharmacy Practitioners (ISOPP) are giving healthcare organizations more time to participate in the new international medication safety self assessment for oncology. **Data submission has been extended to September 30, 2012.**

The oncology self assessment is designed to help hospitals, ambulatory cancer centers, and private physician office practices where chemotherapy is administered evaluate how they are responding to the many medication safety best practices and standards that exist for this practice area.

Participants gain the unique opportunity to compare their data with aggregate data from other demographically similar hospitals and use that information in their own safety and quality improvement efforts.

To ensure anonymity, data reporting is through a secure web-based form that is available on the websites of all three partner organizations ([www.ismp.org](http://www.ismp.org), [www.ismp-canada.org](http://www.ismp-canada.org), and [www.isopp.org](http://www.isopp.org)). For more information or questions about the international oncology self assessment, contact ISMP at [oncselfassessment@ismp.org](mailto:oncselfassessment@ismp.org).

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### **The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP)**

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) is an independent, nonprofit charitable organization that works closely with healthcare practitioners and institutions, regulatory agencies, consumers, and professional organizations to provide education about medication errors and their prevention. ISMP represents more than 35 years of experience in helping healthcare practitioners keep patients safe, and continues to lead efforts to improve the medication use process. ISMP is a federally certified patient safety organization (PSO). For more information on ISMP, or its medication safety alert newsletters and other tools for healthcare professionals and consumers, visit [www.ismp.org](http://www.ismp.org).

### **ISMP Canada**

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada is an independent national not-for-profit organization committed to the advancement of medication safety in all healthcare settings. ISMP Canada works collaboratively with the healthcare community, regulatory agencies and policy makers, provincial, national and international patient safety organizations, the pharmaceutical industry and the public to promote safe medication practices. ISMP Canada's mandate includes analyzing medication incidents, making recommendations for the prevention of harmful medication incidents, and facilitating quality improvement initiatives. Information about ISMP Canada's work with Canadians to prevent medication incidents is available at: [www.ismp-canada.org](http://www.ismp-canada.org); and also [www.SafeMedicationUse.ca](http://www.SafeMedicationUse.ca), a website designed for consumers.

### **International Society of Oncology Pharmacy Practitioners**

The International Society of Oncology Pharmacy Practitioners (ISOPP) was founded in 1988 and incorporated in 1996 as a not-for-profit society. ISOPP promotes and enhances oncology pharmacy practice worldwide in order to improve cancer patient care with over 40 countries represented in its membership. The *Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice* (JOPP) is the official publication of ISOPP. Research, standards, education and publication are key activities that support ISOPP's purpose. For more information on ISOPP, visit [www.isopp.org](http://www.isopp.org).

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