

# Same-Day Scheduling Reduces Medication Costs

**DEPARTMENT:** Oncology Pharmacy, Woodland Hills (Southern California)

**TOPIC:** Affordability



## WHAT THEY DID

This unit-based team reduced waste by scheduling patients who use the same intravenous medications on the same days. By scheduling those patients back to back, the department can avoid discarding unused medications. The team is also using smaller vials of two commonly used drugs.

## RESULTS

The average weekly waste of medication

**\$4,322**



**\$2,198**

BEFORE

AFTER

**\$114,000**

IN ANNUAL SAVINGS

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