Unsafe Injection Practices Have Devastating Consequences

Syringe reuse and misuse of medication vials have resulted in dozens of outbreaks and
The need to advise more than 150,000 patients...
...to seek testing for bloodborne pathogens such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV and have led to...

Patient illness and death
Legal charges/malpractice suits
Loss of clinician license
Criminal charges

In just one clinic, syringe re-use to access medication vials for multiple patients resulted in an outbreak and one of the largest public health notifications in U.S. history.

1000 = patients notified
50,000 people exposed to infection
1 million = $16-$20 million in costs

Outbreaks Occur in a Variety of Medical Settings

- Primary care clinics
- Pediatric offices
- Ambulatory surgical centers
- Pain remediation clinics
- Imaging facilities
- Oncology clinics
- Health fairs

Injection Safety is Every Provider’s Responsibility

Steps Every Healthcare Provider Should Take

1. Needles and syringes should not be used for more than one patient or reused to draw up additional medication.
2. Do not administer medications from a single-dose vial or IV bag to multiple patients.
3. Limit the use of multi-dose vials, and dedicate them to a single patient whenever possible.
4. Speak up if you see a colleague not following safe injection practices.

The One & Only Campaign aims to eradicate outbreaks from unsafe medical injections by raising awareness among patients and healthcare providers about proper practices. The campaign is a public health effort led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and produced by the Safe Injection Practices Coalition (SIPC), a collaboration of several medical societies, state health departments, patient advocates, and private medical companies.