### Unsafe Injection Practices Have Devastating Consequences

Syringe reuse and misuse of medication vials have resulted in dozens of outbreaks and

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THE NEED TO ALERT MORE THAN 150,000 PATIENTS...

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

- **50,000 PEOPLE EXPOSED TO INFECTION**
- **$16-$20 MILLION IN COSTS**
- **1 million patients notified**
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### Outbreaks Occur in a Variety of Settings

- Hospitals
- Primary care clinics
- Pediatric offices
- Outpatient surgical centers
- Pain clinics
- Imaging facilities
- Oncology clinics
- Dental clinics
- Health fairs

### Steps Every Healthcare Provider Should Take

1. Follow proper infection control practices and maintain aseptic technique during the preparation and administration of injected medications (e.g., perform hand hygiene).
2. Never administer medications from the same syringe to more than one patient, even if the needle is changed.
3. Never enter a vial with a used syringe or needle.
4. Do not use medications packaged as single-dose or single-use for more than one patient.
5. Do not use bags of intravenous solution as a common source of supply for more than one patient.
6. Limit the use of multi-dose vials and dedicate them to a single patient whenever possible.
7. Always use facemasks when injecting material or inserting a catheter into the epidural or subdural space.

### Injection Safety is Every Provider’s Responsibility

The Safe Injection Practices Coalition (SIPC) is a partnership of healthcare-related organizations led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The SIPC developed the One & Only Campaign—a public health effort to eliminate unsafe medical injections by raising awareness of safe injection practices. For a list of SIPC Partners, more information about the Campaign, and to view additional resources including videos and other materials, please visit [https://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/1anonly.html](https://www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/1anonly.html).
FOOTNOTES
