

THE IMPACTS OF UNSAFE MEDICAL INJECTIONS IN THE U.S.

Unsafe Injection Practices Have Devastating Consequences¹

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 HIV²** and have led to...



Patient illness and death



Legal charges/ malpractice suits

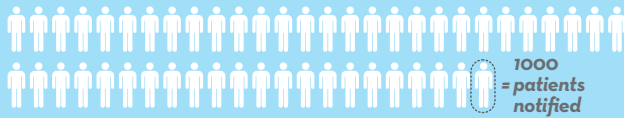


Loss of clinician license



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.



50,000 PEOPLE EXPOSED TO INFECTION



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



Needles and syringes should not be used for more than one patient or reused to draw up additional medication.



Do not administer medications from a single-dose vial or IV bag to multiple patients.



Limit the use of multi-dose vials, and dedicate them to a single patient whenever possible.



Speak up if you see a colleague not following safe injection practices.

1 ONE NEEDLE, ONE SYRINGE, ONLY ONE TIME.



Safe Injection Practices Coalition
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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.



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FOOTNOTES

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