Unsafe Injection Practices Have Devastating Consequences

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

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.

50,000 PEOPLE EXPOSED TO INFECTION

$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

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.

Injection Safety is Every Provider’s Responsibility

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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