

Injection Safety Guidelines

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

Adapted from: Guideline for isolation precautions: preventing transmission of infectious agents in health care settings 2007. Atlanta, GA: US Department of Health and Human Services, CDC; 2007. Available at: http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/isolation/isolation2007.pdf