

SAFE INJECTION PRACTICES

A Safe Injection...

- Does not harm the recipient
- Does not expose the provider to any avoidable risk
- Does not result in waste that is dangerous to other people

—World Health Organization

Safety Must Begin...

With Proper Hand Hygiene
Before Handling Medications

CDC Guideline for Hand Hygiene
in Health Care Settings

<http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/>



Safety Requires Special Meds Areas...

Draw up medications in designated clean medication areas

that are not adjacent to areas that might have potentially contaminated items:

NO– Used syringes, needles, IV tubing, blood collection tubes, needle holders
(e.g. Vacutainer®), or any other equipment or materials used in procedures.

NO– Other items that may have had contact with blood or body fluids.



Use New, Sterile Syringe...

and needle to draw up medications while preventing contact between the injection materials and the non-sterile environment.

Disinfect for Safety...

Disinfect medication vial septums and IV access ports with alcohol and allow to air dry before entry.



Single-Use Meds...

Administer single-use parenteral medications to one patient only and discard vials and IV bags immediately after use.

Use Safety Devices...

Activate sharps safety devices and discard syringes and needles into sharps containers immediately after each use.

Use a new syringe and needle each time a medication vial or bag is accessed.

