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Keep Patient Injections Safe!

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Welcome to the New York *One & Only Campaign* Injection Safety Newsletter (ISN). The ISN is designed to help you - the healthcare professional - ensure each and every healthcare injection a safe one. The New York *One & Only Campaign* is an effort by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and directed by the Safe Injection Practices Coalition (SIPC), whose members include the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) among others. Outreach to healthcare professionals and patients is the mission of the SIPC’s *One & Only Campaign*, whose slogan is: “One Needle. One Syringe. Only One Time.”

“Really? Is this necessary?” you might ask. “Doesn’t every healthcare provider know how to give a safe injection?” Unfortunately, the answer is no.

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*Best Practices from
three One & Only
Partner States*

Short Staffed? Tight Budgets? Free Health Department toolkit to the rescue!

It's Real. It's Recent.

It could become **YOUR** problem

This headline sums up why you, as a state or local health department, need to review a brand-new toolkit, developed by the Safe Injection Practices Coalition. The tool kit is designed to help you easily sign on to the *One & Only Campaign* and start spreading the injection safety message—in just minutes—in your jurisdiction. This free toolkit compiles the “best practices” as experienced by the early *One & Only Campaign*

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Next Steps after “discouraging” results from provider survey on injection practices

If you read *Anesthesiology News*' Jan 9, 2012 edition, you have seen the results of a May 2011 survey of more than 500 New York anesthesiologists. The results show that nearly half (49 %) of those responding indicate they sometimes use the same vials of medication for more than one patient, and 31 % said they used a propofol vial on multiple patients. About one-quarter did not always use a new needle and syringe when accessing a medication vial and about one-quarter used an open vial of medication - even if they hadn't seen it being opened. Four anesthesiology residents indicated they sometimes reuse syringes on different patients. It is not clear whether all respondents understood the question.

These results were alarming to many, especially the New York *One & Only Campaign*, which is dedicated to ensuring that every injection in healthcare is a safe one. At a January meeting of the New York *One & Only* workgroup, two of the survey's co-authors (who are workgroup members) called for creative solutions to the challenges these survey results pose. Among *potential* avenues being explored are:

1. Routine training on injection safety for medical students and residents
2. Engineering devices to rule out human error

The New York *One & Only Campaign* will keep a close eye on this situation and include updates for readers. You may find the January 2

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“I was discouraged to see the number of respondents who were not using appropriate safe injection practices.”
Dr. Elliott Greene, co-author of the Anesthesiology News survey



Injection Safety is Every Provider's Responsibility

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Real-life news headlines prove the point. Since 1999, according to the SIPC, more than 130,000 patients have been told they might be at potential risk for contracting blood-borne diseases - hepatitis B (HBV), hepatitis C (HCV), or HIV - because a provider failed to follow basic infection control procedures. Poor practices include reusing needles or syringes, and misusing single-dose and multi-dose vials of medication or bags. Outbreaks range from coast to coast and cross over into many practices and specialties. Please join this timely health education initiative by checking out the [One & Only Campaign](#) health education materials, including provider and patient brochures, provider pocket reference cards, provider training videos, toolkits and more.

CDC statement on Single-Dose Vials/SIPC Calls for Endorsements

On April 27, 2012, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), issued a statement with the intent of setting the record straight about ongoing questions and misinformation about CDC's injection safety guidance. Of timely concern is a document (<http://www.entnet.org/Practice/upload/CONSENSUS-STATEMENT-ON-INFECTION-CONTROL-MEASURES-UTILIZING-SINGLE-DOSE-VIALS-ON-MULTIPLE-PATIENTS.pdf>)

circulated by the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians which suggests that restricting single-dose/single-use medication vials to only one patient is contributing to drug shortages and is burdensome on healthcare providers. This document misrepresents the CDC position, may be causing confusion among clinicians, and could lead to the spread of infection through unsafe practices.

As a response, the CDC has issued a Position Statement: [Protect Patients Against Preventable Harm from Improper Use of Single-dose/Single-use Vials.](#)

The Safe Injection Practices Coalition asks that your organization consider joining an [endorsement](#) of the CDC's Position Statement. The SIPC feels it is important to stand with the CDC to promote the safe use of single-dose/single-use vials

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partner states, for injection safety outreach by a health department. You'll find out how to set up a work group to advise your efforts, how to enlist the help of medical malpractice insurers (who share your goal of reducing preventable transmission of disease) and how to download or order SIPC posters, brochures, FAQ sheets, training videos, toolkits and other materials that can be shared with your provider and patient communities.

Follow this [link](#) .

*"It's Real. It's Recent. It
Could Become Your
Problem."
(Title of Toolkit)*

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Anesthesiology News article [here](#):

The authors are currently preparing an article for journal publication very soon.

Had a Staff Meeting Lately?

Private New York medical practices tell us that holding staff meetings is desirable, but they don't do it as regularly as they would like. The reason most often cited : scheduling concerns. Fortunately, the *One & Only Campaign* has a way to get all of your staff on the same page regarding injection safety in just 15 minutes. The new SIPC [Provider Toolkit](#), developed by the Safe Injection Practices Coalition's *One & Only Campaign*, even includes audio narration synched to the slides; all you have to do is put the PowerPoint presentation into Slide Show mode and listen. If you prefer, you may run your own presentation using the slides and tailoring it to your needs. Slides for 20- and 30-minute versions are also available.

Make sure everyone on your staff knows basic infection control, today!

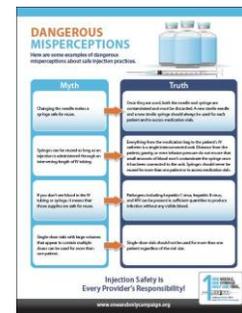
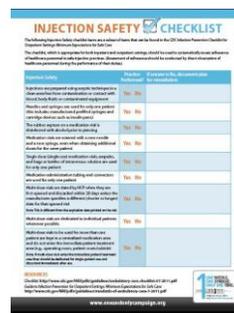


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New One & Only Materials



New materials hot off *One & Only Campaign* presses can help you and your facility ensure that all injections are safe! The materials include an “Injection Safety Checklist” that outlines correct procedures and calls for a remediation plan if those procedures are not currently followed.

The “Myths & Truths” flyer looks at common misperceptions when it comes to injection safety. For example, it shows that merely changing the needle does not make a syringe safe for reuse on another patient.

These tips are invaluable tools to inform everyone on your staff about correct injection safety procedures.

To download/order copies, [click here](#).