

DO YOU PROVIDE PAIN RELIEF TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS?

PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS, YOURSELF AND YOUR BUSINESS. ALWAYS—EVEN DURING DRUG SHORTAGES—ADHERE TO THESE **4 BASIC STANDARDS OF CARE**:

- 1.** Follow proper infection control practices and maintain aseptic technique during the preparation and administration of injected medications.
For example, perform hand hygiene and prepare injections in a clean medication preparation area away from patient treatment areas and other potential sources of contamination such as sinks. Don't forget to disinfect the vial's septum.

- 2.** Never reuse syringes for more than one patient, even if the needle is changed, and never enter a medication vial with a used syringe or needle.
Reusing syringes for multiple patients or to withdraw additional medication can spread bloodborne viruses such as hepatitis C.

- 3.** Always use facemasks when injecting material or inserting a catheter into the epidural or subdural space.

- 4.** Do not use medications packaged as single-dose or single-use for more than one patient.
Saline bags and many other medications, such as contrast agents, are only FDA-approved as single-dose/single-use containers for one-time use on one patient.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WAYS YOU CAN KEEP YOUR PATIENTS SAFE BY VISITING www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/1anonly.html.



The Safe Injection Practices Coalition (SIPC) is a partnership of healthcare-related organizations led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The SIPC developed the *One & Only Campaign*—a public health effort to eliminate unsafe medical injections by raising awareness of safe injection practices. For a list of SIPC Partners, more information about the Campaign, and to view additional resources including videos and other materials, please visit www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/1anonly.html.

