

DO YOU PROVIDE TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH CANCER?

PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS, YOURSELF, AND YOUR BUSINESS

Since 2002, at least nine serious infectious disease outbreaks have occurred in cancer clinics. These outbreaks involved unsafe injection practices, including the reuse of syringes. As a result, hundreds of patients became infected and thousands more required notification and testing for bloodborne pathogens.



REMEMBER! WHEN PREPARING MEDICATIONS AND INJECTIONS...

NEVER reuse these items:



Needles or syringes that have been used for any purpose



Vials with "single-dose vial" printed on the label



Saline bags



Intravenous tubing

ALWAYS follow aseptic technique* when:



Preparing any medication



Disinfecting a vial's septum



Accessing a central line



Injecting any medications

*Aseptic technique is used by health care workers to prevent the contamination of clean areas, equipment, and sterile medications. This will help prevent the spread of infection. Please refer to [CDC's Basic Infection Control and Prevention Plan for Outpatient Oncology Settings](#) for more information.

Learn more about ways you can keep your patients safe by visiting www.cdc.gov/injectionsafety/1anonly.html and preventcancerinfections.org.



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

