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 vials, 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 ONEANDONLYCAMPAIGN.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 OneandOnlyCampaign.org

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