

*Injection safety is the whole team's responsibility. If you see an unsafe practice, help your colleague recognize and prevent it.*

<p><b>DO</b> ensure that you have a sharps container available before preparing an injection.</p>	<p><b>DO</b> use aseptic technique when preparing or administering medications.</p>
<p><b>DO</b> use a new needle AND new syringe every time you enter a vial.</p>	<p><b>DO</b> check the vial for an expiration date and to see if it is single-dose or multi-dose before drawing the medication.</p>
<p><b>DO</b> limit the use of a multi-dose vial, and dedicate it to a single client whenever possible.</p>	<p><b>DO</b> use a single-dose vial or IV solution bag for more than one client.</p>
<p><b>DO</b> discard a single-dose vial immediately after its use.</p>	<p><b>DO</b> use the same needle or syringe on more than one client.</p>
<p><b>DO</b> discard a needle and syringe immediately after their use.</p>	<p><b>DO</b> recap needles; use a single hand scoop technique if you must recap a needle.</p>
<p><b>DO</b> use a new needle AND new syringe every time you enter a vial.</p>	<p><b>DO</b> NOT reuse a needle or syringe to enter a medication vial or solution.</p>
<p><b>DO</b> use aseptic technique when preparing or administering medications.</p>	<p><b>DO</b> NOT proceed in administering an injection if you think there has been a breach in aseptic technique. Prepare a new injection ensuring aseptic technique is preserved.</p>
<p><b>DO</b> ensure that you have a sharps container available before preparing an injection.</p>	<p><b>DO</b> NOT discard injection materials in a regular waste bin.</p>

## Injection Do's and Don'ts

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# 3 Questions for Safe Injections



Did you wash your hands?



Are you using a new needle and syringe EVERY TIME you access a vial?



Is there any possibility that the vial is contaminated, spoiled, or expired?

