Injection Safety

What makes an injection unsafe?

- Re-use of syringes, needles and/or other injection equipment
- Contaminated workspace and hands
- Unsafe disposal mechanisms

What can healthcare providers do?

- Perform hand hygiene
- Never enter a vial with a used syringe or needle
- Do not use medications packaged as single dose or single use for more than one patient
- Limit the use of multi-use products and dedicate them to a single patient whenever possible
- Always use a facemask when administering injectable medication
- Dental cartridge syringes, needles and anesthetic cartridges are single-use and should be used for one patient only
- Metal dental cartridge syringe is a reusable item and should be cleaned and heat sterilized between patients
- Dental health care personnel should follow the manufacturer's instructions for disinfection when using cartridges of local anesthetic

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