Follow proper infection control practices and maintain aseptic technique during the preparation and administration of injected medications (e.g., perform hand hygiene).

Never administer medications from the same syringe to more than one patient, even if the needle is changed.

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.

Do not use bags of intravenous solution as a common source of supply for more than one patient.

Limit the use of multi-dose vials and dedicate them to a single patient whenever possible.

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

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