

# ABOUT THE ONE & ONLY CAMPAIGN



## The Impact of Unsafe Medical Injections

Although safe injection practices represent very basic infection control measures, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to identify and investigate outbreaks associated with poor practices. Breakdowns in proper infection control have involved providers reusing needles, syringes or single-dose medication vials, all of which are meant for one patient and one procedure. These breaches can cause irreparable damage, exposing patients to bloodborne illnesses such as hepatitis and HIV, and to life-threatening bacterial infections.

- Unsafe injection practices have **affected more than 150,000 patients** in recent years.
- From 2001 through 2011, there were **at least 50 outbreaks of viral hepatitis or bacterial infections** associated with unsafe injection practices in outpatient settings such as physician offices or ambulatory surgical centers. This is believed to be the tip of the iceberg.
- CDC released a table with examples of recent outbreaks and patient notification events associated with lapses in basic infection control. These have occurred in a variety of settings including primary care clinics, pediatric offices, ambulatory surgical centers, pain clinics, imaging facilities, oncology clinics, dental clinics, and even health fairs: [www.OneAndOnlyCampaign.org/outbreaks-table](http://www.OneAndOnlyCampaign.org/outbreaks-table)

## About the Campaign

Through targeted education and awareness efforts, the *One & Only Campaign* empowers patients and healthcare providers to insist on nothing less than safe injections – every time, for every patient. Since 2009, the Campaign has developed a variety of tools, such as

- A bloodborne pathogen training module
- Posters and brochures
- Checklists
- Toolkits
- Infographics
- Podcasts and videos
- Frequently asked questions
- Medscape CME activity

The *One & Only Campaign* is a public health effort to eliminate unsafe medical injections. To learn more about safe injection practices, please visit [OneandOnlyCampaign.org](http://OneandOnlyCampaign.org).

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