

UNSAFE INJECTIONS TRANSMIT HARMFUL INFECTIONS!

MAKE SMART INJECTION CHOICES

Re-using needles and syringes puts lives at risk.

Here's how to make sure the injections you administer are a smart choice and safe for your patients:

- ✓ When the option of medication given by mouth exists, is the injection really necessary?
- ✓ If the injection is necessary, prepare it in a clean environment and clean your hands properly.
- ✓ Choose syringes designed to be used only once for all injections.
- ✓ Choose syringes designed to protect health workers from injuries.
- ✓ Use all needles and syringes only once.
- ✓ Discard all used syringes and needles immediately in a sharps safety box.



For further information
<http://www.who.int/infection-prevention>