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Our Experts Weigh In

Maintaining safe injection practices in 2025

Infection preventionists in healthcare rely on safe injection practices. Yet, despite decades of guidance, unsafe behaviors continue to place patients at risk. These include:

- Reusing or improperly using syringes or needles between patients
- Accessing medication vials with used equipment
- Using multi-dose vials for multiple patients incorrectly
- Improperly performing point-of-care testing
- Theft or misuse of medications by healthcare personnel (drug diversion)

Hot off the press, The American Journal of Infection Control (AJIC) published "Safe injection, infusion, medication vial, and point-of-care testing practices in health care (2025)," a position paper that provides much-needed updated evidence-based guidelines for infection prevention and control programs. This paper updates the 2016 version and offers actionable strategies, as well as a detailed review of risks and unsafe practices in ambulatory settings, and recommendations related to personal protective equipment, drug diversion, and management of contrast injection products. Highlighted recommendations cover:

- Aseptic technique for medications prepared outside a pharmacy
- Management of IV solutions and infusion tubing/administration sets
- IV flushing and infusion practices
- Best practices for syringes, needles, vials, ampules, and medication pens
- Skin preparation prior to injections
- Point-of-care device and lancet/fingerstick device management
- Healthcare personnel education and oversight
- Measurement and enforcement of safe injection practices

To further highlight the relevance of these guidelines, a recent CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report describes a resident in a skilled nursing facility who was diagnosed with hepatitis B virus (HBV) with no risk factors, MMWR, August 7, 2025. Infection control assessments revealed that glucose monitoring devices were shared among residents, including a patient with chronic HBV infection. The testing was done in such a short amount of time, and the ability to effectively disinfect the device was questioned. Whole-genome sequencing confirmed the newly diagnosed resident was infected with a genetically identical HBV strain as the resident with chronic HBV. Preventable bloodborne pathogen outbreaks linked to unsafe practices continue today. By embedding safe injection practices into clinical workflows and the culture of the healthcare facility, such as the new AJIC publication, hospitals can avoid unnecessary risks.

- Karen Jones, MPH, RN, CIC, LTC-CIP, FAPIC

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Insulating infection prevention: How technology can help IP teams stay the course

Infection preventionists face evolving challenges, from regulatory shifts to emerging threats like *Candida auris*. Matthew Weissenbach, DrPH, CPH, CIC, FAPIC, Senior Director at Wolters Kluwer Health, emphasizes how infection surveillance technology empowers IP teams to maintain consistency, prioritize patient safety, and standardize practices across systems. By leveraging evidence-based tools, IP leaders can navigate organizational changes, enhance communication, and ensure resilience in infection prevention programs.

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As of August 14, 2025, several new notifiable conditions have been added in our Sentri7 product to support the identification and reporting for your health department. These are listed on the Condition Selection area within Notifiable Conditions. They are automatically added, but can be removed by "unchecking" the box. These conditions include:

Acanthamoeba
Alpha-gal Syndrome
Bacillus cereus
Balamuthia mandrillaris
Burkholderia cepacia
Cronobacter sakazakii
Naegleria fowleri

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