Injection Safety

Keep patients safe by always using safe injection practices when preparing and giving injections.

BEFORE THE INJECTION

1. Make sure you are in a designated clean area away from potential sources of contamination, e.g., at least 3 feet from sinks or water sources

2. Perform hand hygiene

3. Carefully read the label and check the vial
   - ✅ Single dose or multi-dose
     a. **NEVER** use single-dose vials on more than one patient
     b. **NEVER** bring multi-dose vials used for more than one patient into patient care areas
   - ✅ Expiration date and beyond-use date have not passed
   - ✅ Free from contamination, leaks, or damage

4. Disinfect the vial's rubber top with alcohol and allow to dry before piercing with needle

5. **NEVER** reuse needles or syringes to draw up medication, even when getting doses for the same patient

DURING THE INJECTION

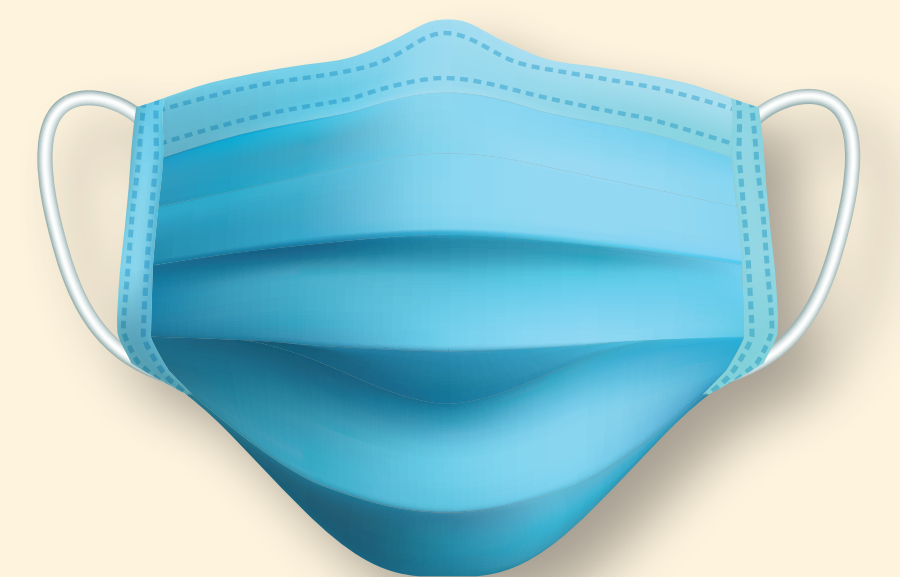1. Perform hand hygiene before and after giving the injection, even if gloves are worn

2. Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) according to standard precautions
   a. Wear a facemask if placing a catheter or injecting medication into the epidural or subdural space
   b. Wear gloves if there is anticipated blood or body fluid exposure

3. Clean the skin with an antiseptic agent and allow to dry, do not touch, before giving the injection

4. **NEVER** reuse needles or syringes for injection, even on the same patient

AFTER THE INJECTION

1. Discard used needles, syringes, and single-dose vials in an appropriate disposal container

2. Remove and discard any PPE worn

3. Perform hand hygiene

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