

# Protect Patients by Using Single- and Multi-Dose Vials Correctly

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In recent years, dozens of outbreaks have been associated with reuse of single-dose vials and misuse of multiple-dose vials. As a result, patients have suffered significant harms, including death.

CDC's *One & Only Campaign* urges healthcare providers to recognize the differences between single-dose and multi-dose vials, and to understand appropriate use of each container type.

A single-dose vial is approved for use on a single patient for a single procedure or injection. A multi-dose vial is recognized by its FDA-approved label. Although multi-dose vials can be used for more than one patient when proper aseptic technique is followed, multi-dose vials should be dedicated to only one patient whenever possible.

Do your part to make healthcare safe, one injection at a time.

One Needle, One Syringe, Only One Time. Learn more about safe injection practices at [OneandOnlyCampaign.org](http://OneandOnlyCampaign.org).

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