



INJECTION SAFETY: PREPARING YOUR BEST SHOT



- **Use aseptic technique during the procedure.**
- **Designate a clean medication preparation area** >3 ft. from any potential source of contamination (i.e. sink, lab area). Keep it disinfected.
- **Perform hand hygiene first.** Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is the preferred method.
- **Inspect the vial appearance & expiration date.**
- **Disinfect the vial top with >70% alcohol swab** every time before piercing the vial.
- **Use a new sterile needle and syringe every time.**
- **Never combine vial leftovers for future use.**
- **Date the multi-dose vials (MDVs) when opened & discard in 28 days unless manufacturer specifies an earlier date.**
- **Dedicate MDVs to one patient whenever possible.**
- **Store MDVs in the medication preparation area.**
- **Deem MDVs that enter a patient care area, single use only and discard after use.**

