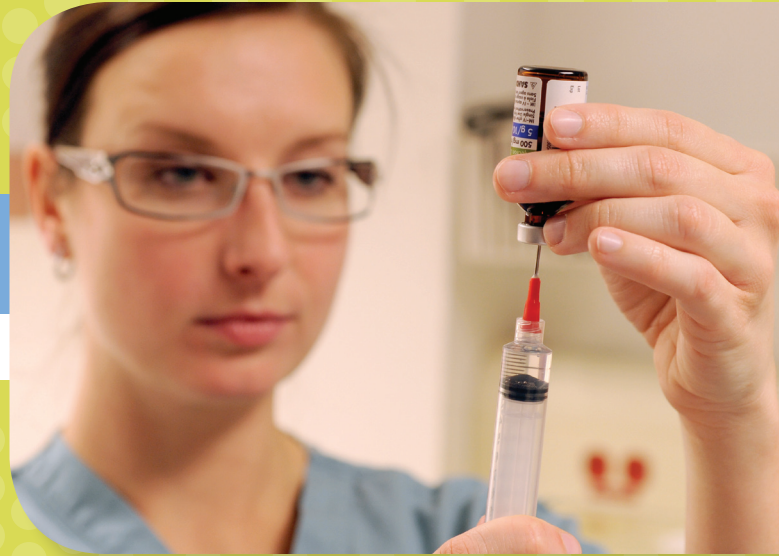


# New Needle New Syringe Every Time!

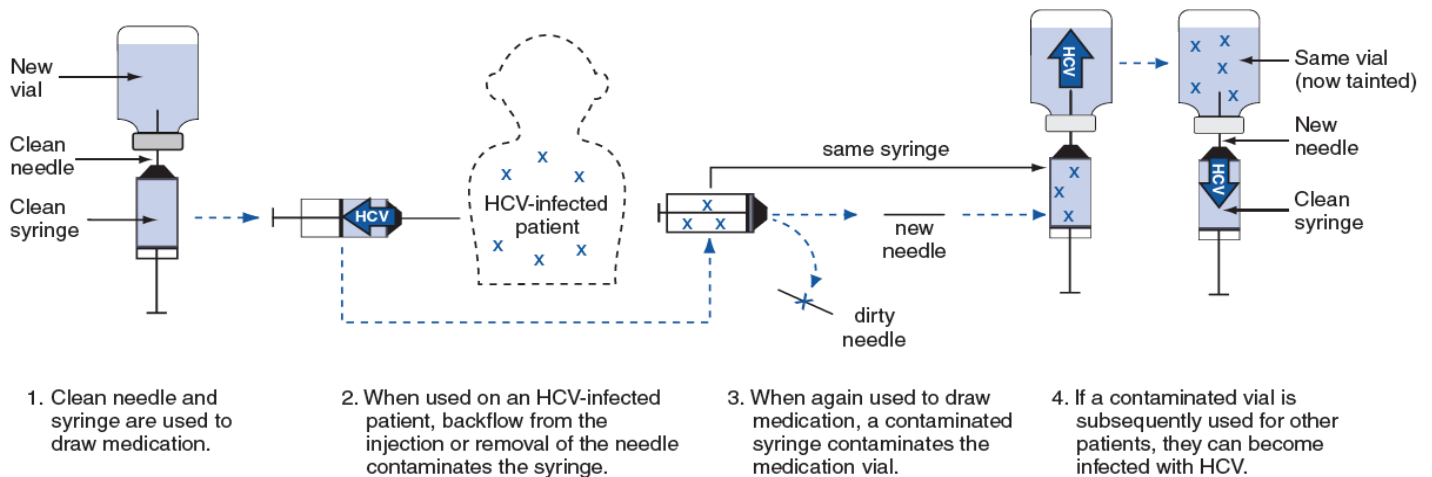


## Never Events:

1. **Never** administer medications (contrast media, flush solutions) from the same syringe to more than one patient, even if the needle is changed.
2. **Never** enter a vial with a used syringe or needle.

**Failure to follow these simple precautions has led to transmission of blood borne virus, namely, Hepatitis B (HBV), Hepatitis C (HCV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).**

### Understanding how re-using a syringe and/or needle can contaminate a multidose vial



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2007) Acute hepatitis C virus infections attributed to unsafe injection practices at an endoscopy clinic – Nevada 2007. MMWR 2008, 57: 513-7.

## Always:

- Consider a syringe or needle contaminated after it has been used to enter or connect to a patient's intravenous catheter, infusion bag or administration set.
- Follow aseptic practices during the preparation and administration of injected medications.
- Use medications packaged as single-use vials for only one patient.
- Use bags or bottles of intravenous solution for only one patient. Do not use as a common source.