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Injection Safety and Public Health

- CDC Public Health Guiding Boards, November 2012
  - "Unsafe Injection Practices in the U.S. Healthcare System"
- Speakers included New York State Department of Health
  - "The Stage and the Experience of Healthcare Departments’"
- Proceedings published on May 31, 2013 MMWR

Session highlights:
- Unsafe injections increase burden on patients, healthcare providers, and medical care and public health systems.
- Harms caused by unsafe injection practices are preventable.

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Role of State and Local Health Departments

- Education of providers on importance of safe injection practices and education and training
- Explore regulatory initiatives related to education and training
- Determine areas of collaboration
- Review health department website.

All Health Departments Can…..

- Source a link to the One & Only Campaign on your department website.
- Invite your state HAI Coordinator to determine areas of collaboration.
- Order free One & Only Campaign materials for dissemination in your state or locality.

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The One & Only Campaign

- Public Health campaign by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Safe Injection Practices Coalition
- Goals to raise awareness among patients and healthcare providers about safe injection practices
- Many resources made available in 2012 for use by state and local health departments.

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Insulin Pen Poster and Brochure

- The Safe Injection Practices Coalition created an insulin pen poster and brochure to help educate healthcare providers, patients, and other stakeholders about the importance of using only one pen per person and to raise awareness about the need to reuse insulin pens. This poster and brochure are available for free on the One & Only Campaign website: www.OneAndOnlyCampaign.org

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Injection Safety Podcast

- Featuring the President of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Dr. Janice Izlar, this podcast contains important injection safety information for healthcare providers involved in preparing or administering injections, as well as informed patients. Dr. Izlar notes that when she presents Injection Safety to conferences or to private practice, the response is always the same—the clinicians think they are following all guidelines but then realize they are missing steps.

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Conclusions

- State and local health department role—how injection safety roles and responsibilities vary across state and local health departments
- Investigation of outbreaks related to unsafe injection practices
- Primary prevention of unsafe practices
- Incorporate infection control practices for basic injection safety
- One & Only Campaign resources are available to all state and local health departments

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