

Injecting drugs carries health risks. It puts you at risk for overdose, HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and other serious infections. Help protect yourself and others. Use a brand-new syringe every time you inject or divide drugs.

To find a syringe exchange program near you, call: 1-800-541-2437

To find a drugstore that sells syringes without a prescription:
English: 1-800-541-AIDS
Spanish: 1-800-233-SIDA

HIV/AIDS TDD Information Line:
1-800-369-2437

Voice callers use the NY relay:
711 or 1-800-421-1220
and ask the operator for:
1-800-541-2437

You can also visit:
providerdirectory.aidsinstituteny.org
to learn more about where to access or dispose of syringes, where to locate pharmacies to get naloxone (the drug that reverses opioid overdose), and where to receive free HCV testing.

To find help with Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, and Problem Gambling, call the New York State Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) HOPEline:
1-877-8-HOPENY
1-877-846-7369
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

To find help in New York City, call the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYC WELL at: 1-888-692-9355, or text "WELL" to 988, or go to: nyc988.cityofnewyork.us/en/
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

WHAT DOES YOUR NEEDLE LOOK LIKE?



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SKIN IS TOUGH!

Every time you inject, it damages the point which can lead to:

- Abscesses
- Infections
- Blown veins

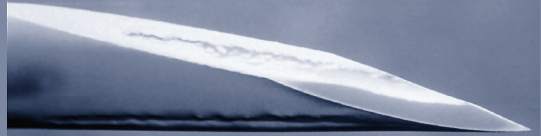
SAVE YOUR VEINS!

- If you miss your vein, reload a new syringe and try again in another site, if possible.
- Don't use the same point to shoot over and over again.
- Don't try to sharpen a used point. This only makes more barbs.
- Don't use the tip of your needle to mix your hit.

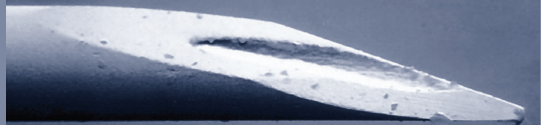


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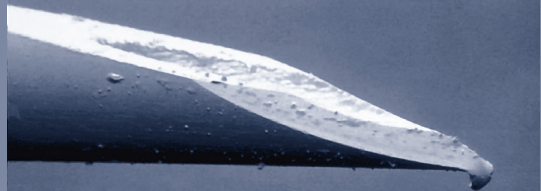
New needle point



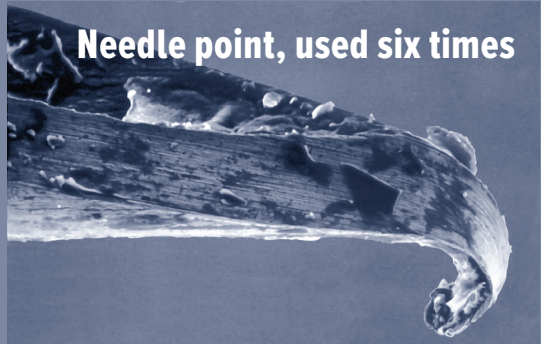
Needle point, used once



Needle point, used twice



Needle point, used six times



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