

# ENDORSEMENT OF THE CDC'S POSITION STATEMENT ON SINGLE-DOSE/SINGLE-USE VIALS

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The organizations listed below endorse the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) position statement on Single-Dose/Single-Use Vials, as issued on April 27, 2012, and posted on the CDC's [website](#). The dangers of reuse of single-dose/single-use vials for more than one patient in healthcare settings continue to be underscored by outbreaks of bacterial and blood-borne pathogen infections that have been associated with this practice.

Current guidance on this issue is scientifically-based and peer-reviewed, as detailed in the CDC position statement. Efforts to weaken or reverse long-standing guidelines and recommendations on the reuse of single-dose/single-use vials pose a significant and unacceptable risk to patient health. We understand that shortages are a critical issue for the country; however, patients deserve solutions that do not compromise their safety. These two public health priorities are not, and should not, be placed in conflict, especially since reasonable alternatives exist.

The undersigned organizations – which represent a broad cross-section of patients, healthcare providers, professional societies and public health officials – support the CDC in the execution of its public health responsibility to provide reasonable guidance to healthcare providers and to protect patients against preventable harm from improper use of single-dose/single-use vials.

*Endorsed by:*

Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care\*  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists\*  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc\*  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment  
Columbia University School of Nursing  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Covidien\*  
Emergency Medicine Patient Safety Foundation  
Healthcare Accreditation Resources LLC  
HONORreform Foundation\*  
Institute for Safe Medication Practices\*  
The Joint Commission  
Justin's Hope at the Task Force for Global Health  
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors  
National Association of County & City Health Officials\*

Nevada State Medical Association\*  
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services\*  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
New York State Association of County Health Officials  
New York State Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
New York State Department of Health\*  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services\*  
Premier healthcare alliance\*  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Southern Nevada Health District  
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