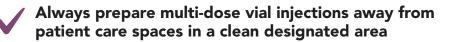
## HOW DO I SAFELY USE A MULTI-DOSE VACCINE VIAL?

You vaccinate patients to protect them. Correctly using multi-dose vials keeps your patients safe from germs that can spread from contaminated vials, needles, and syringes.

## **CHECK THAT YOU ARE** USING MULTI-DOSE VACCINE VIALS SAFELY **EVERY TIME.**



- Clean your hands before touching the vial
- **Check the label** to make sure it is a multi-dose vaccine vial

Check to make sure the vaccine is **not expired or "beyond use"** 

Look and see if the vaccine appears the way the vaccine maker tells you it should

Use brand-new, sterile needles and syringes for every vaccine dose

**Disinfect the top** part of the vial (the vial stopper) with an alcohol prep pad—every time

Make sure the **top is dry** before sticking the needle in it

When you first put a needle in, **write the date and time** on the label

Follow the vaccine maker's **instructions for storage** 

**Never "pool" doses** (combine partial doses from multiple vials to make one dose for a patient)



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