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Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada

A Key Partner in the Canadian Medication Incident Reporting and Prevention System (CMIRPS)

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Ambulatory Infusion Pumps: Analysis of Errors and Recommendations for Safe Use

The use of ambulatory infusion pumps to deliver medications parenterally has become increasingly common not only in hospitals but also in long-term care facilities and in patients' homes. ISMP Canada received a number of incident reports describing severe harm or death involving ambulatory infusion pumps, which prompted a multi-incident analysis to highlight opportunities for improvement.

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One Needle, One Syringe, Only One Time

Recently, ISMP Canada's consumer reporting program, **SafeMedicationuse.ca**, received a report from a distressed patient who was one of several individuals asked to get tested for HIV and hepatitis because of unsafe injection practices. These patients were told that a syringe that had been used to give them an injection had also been used to give injections to others; only the needle had been changed in between injections. [Read more ...](#)

Call for Shared Learning with Virtual Care Experiences

ISMP Canada, in partnership with Healthcare Excellence Canada, is working to advance safety in virtual care. We are exploring medication safety concerns, facilitators, and barriers. Help turn your experiences into system-based improvements by sharing your virtual care-related medication incidents with ISMP Canada. [Read more ...](#)

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- (i) through the website: www.ismp-canada.org/err_index.htm
- (ii) by telephone: 416-733-3131 or toll free: 1-866-544-7672.

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