

# Memo

To all anesthesia staff MEC PP and Farmington

Regarding Safe injection practices and Lidocaine:

In accordance with the CDC and AAAHC mandates, MEC will follow all guidelines pertaining to safe injection practices including the administration of Multi Dose Vials (MDV) of Lidocaine.

Guidelines require that MDV vials of Lidocaine are accessed in a non-clinical area (NCA), are administered just prior to administration, and are limited to a single OR.

Therefore, the following policy will be instituted immediately at all MEC sites:

- Lidocaine will be kept in the anesthesia stock room (MEC FH) and in PR - 3(MEC PP).
- Vials will be placed in a container specific to each room/provider.
- The vials may only be accessed in the NCA
- You may only draw up ONE syringe at a time just prior to each case. Thus, you must go to the NCA and draw up your Lidocaine just prior to every case during the day.
- Once open, the vial must be signed, dated and timed
- As with all syringes, they must be labeled with drug, dosage, timed, and initialed.

We realize that this process will cause a small delay in between cases. The GI doctors have been informed so as to expect this change.

Please contact Brien or Dr. Perry if you have any questions regarding this policy.

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