

NEEDLES AND SYRINGES AVAILABLE AT THE NSP

Use the right equipment for you.
What equipment do you need?



COMBINED NEEDLES AND SYRINGES

1ml syringe x 27-gauge x 1/2" (13mm) needle

A small needle best for injecting into a vein.
Often used for heroin or amphetamines, cocaine and insulin, peptides and human growth hormone.



1ml syringe with 29-gauge x 1/2" (13mm) needle

Narrower than the 27-gauge needle.
Can become blocked so it is important to go slower.

Best for people who occasionally use drugs and those new to injecting.
Often used for heroin, amphetamines, cocaine and insulin, peptides, human growth hormone and tanning injections.



Also available

3ml syringe x 25g x 5/8" (16mm) needle
5ml syringe x 23g x 1 1/4" (32mm) needle (intramuscular use)

SEPARATE SYRINGES

Come in two varieties:

- Luer lock (the needle needs to be screwed on)
- Luer slip (needle is pushed on).

3ml, 5ml syringes

These syringes or 'barrels' are used with a variety of needles (tips) for injecting larger volumes of liquids.

Often used for steroids, morphine or solution containing a pill mix.



10ml syringe

Often used for injecting methadone.

To do this, it is advised to use a winged infusion set, also known as a butterfly, to reduce the number of injections needed.

Butterflies may be available at a primary NSP but you might have to pay for them.



SEPARATE NEEDLES

27-gauge x 1/2" (13mm) needle

For intravenous use. Better for reducing vein damage and scarring as larger tips can cause significant damage.

There can be problems with blockage of the tip if injecting pill mixes of thicker fluids.



25-gauge x 5/8" (16mm) needle

5/8 inch long for intravenous use.



DRAWING UP NEEDLES

19-gauge x 1 1/2" (38mm) needle

Commonly used for drawing up liquid (steroid/pill mixes) into barrels before changing over to a smaller tip for injection.



18-gauge x 1 1/2" (38mm) needle

Used for drawing up. This needle is deliberately blunt and should not be used for injecting.



LONGER NEEDLES

For injecting into a muscle

25-gauge x 1" (25mm) needle

1 inch long for intramuscular use.

Some people use 25-gauge needles to inject into the groin. This is not recommended as this procedure can be very dangerous.



23-gauge x 1 1/4" (32mm) needle

1 1/4 inch long for intramuscular use or injecting into the groin (see comments above).

Commonly used for steroids, pill mixes and naloxone.



21-gauge x 1 1/4" (32mm) needle

1 1/4 inch long for intramuscular use.

Commonly used for drawing up liquid (steroid/pill mixes) into barrels before changing over to a smaller tip for injection.



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