Through SIGN we:

- create, maintain, and execute a common strategic framework to achieve safe and appropriate use of injections
- exchange information and ideas from a diverse group of stakeholders to encourage innovative, cost-effective solutions that support safe and appropriate use of injections
- coordinate our communication and advocacy strategies

SIGN associates include:

- International Organizations (including WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, and others)
- Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Governments
- Universities
- Healthcare worker and student organizations
- Consultants
- Industries

We cannot reach our goals without YOU!

When you join SIGN, you are demonstrating your commitment to reducing the overuse of injections, improving injection safety, and lessening the burden of disease caused by blood borne pathogen transmission and other adverse effects of injection practices.

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An association of stakeholders sharing a common interest in the safe and appropriate use of injections.
The Problem:
An estimated 12 billion injections are administered worldwide each year. This high number suggests that injections are overused for the administration of medications. Many of these injections are unsafe, especially those that are administered with a re-used syringe and/or needle.

Unsafe injections put patients, healthcare workers, and other people at risk.

The Burden of Disease:
The most common diseases acquired from unsafe injections are hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and AIDS.

Each year, unsafe injections worldwide account for an estimated:

- 8 to 16 million new hepatitis B virus infections
- 2.3 to 4.5 million new hepatitis C virus infections
- 75,000 to 150,000 new human immunodeficiency virus infections

What should be done?
The transmission of blood borne infections through unsafe injections can be prevented through national commitment to:

- reducing injection overuse and increasing injection safety
- providing sufficient quantities of injection equipment and infection control supplies
- appropriately disposing of medical waste

Safe injections:

- do not harm the recipient
- do not expose the healthcare worker to any avoidable risk
- do not result in waste that is dangerous for other people