

## Syringe Access Reading List

Important and Recent Articles and Reports on Needle Exchange,  
Pharmacy Syringe Sale and Prevention of Hepatitis C, Hepatitis B, and HIV/AIDS

U.S. Repeals Funding Ban for Needle Exchanges  
SF Chronicle, December 18, 2009

[http://articles.sfgate.com/2009-12-18/news/17331688\\_1\\_needle-exchange-programs-needle-exchanges-clean-needles](http://articles.sfgate.com/2009-12-18/news/17331688_1_needle-exchange-programs-needle-exchanges-clean-needles)

California Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Strategic Plan 2010-2014  
California Department of Public Health, Published January 2010

Under Recommendations and Action Steps:

*“Increase Access to Syringe Exchange and Harm Reduction Services:*

- a. Leverage existing resources, including federal dollars when the federal syringe exchange funding ban is lifted, to increase access and other safe injection equipment....*
- b. Encourage pharmacists... to participate in pharmacy syringe sale programs.*
- c. Create and expand syringe exchange ....with the goal of every IDU having one sterile syringe per injection.*
- d. Remove structural barriers to access to syringes and other safe drug-using equipment for IDUs...”*

[http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Documents/California\\_Adult\\_Viral\\_Hepatitis\\_Prevention\\_Strategic\\_Plan,\\_2010-2014.Final.pdf](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Documents/California_Adult_Viral_Hepatitis_Prevention_Strategic_Plan,_2010-2014.Final.pdf)

Hepatitis and Liver Cancer: A National Strategy for Prevention and Control of Hepatitis B and C

Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science and Medicine, 2010

*“Federal, state, and local agencies should expand programs to reduce the risk of hepatitis C virus infection through injection-drug use by providing comprehensive hepatitis C virus prevention programs. At a minimum, the programs should include access to sterile needle syringes and drug-preparation equipment because the shared use of these materials has been shown to lead to transmission of hepatitis C virus.”*

<http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2010/Hepatitis-and-Liver-Cancer-A-National-Strategy-for-Prevention-and-Control-of-Hepatitis-B-and-C.aspx>

Hepatitis and Liver Cancer Report Brief

Institute of Medicine, 2010

<http://www.iom.edu/~media/Files/Report%20Files/2010/Hepatitis-and-Liver-Cancer-A-National-Strategy-for-Prevention-and-Control-of-Hepatitis-B-and-C/Hepatitis%20and%20Liver%20Cancer%202010%20Report%20Brief.ashx>

Three Years into Legalization of Over-the-Counter Syringe Sales in California (SB 1159): Where are we now?

Presentation at conference of the American Public Health Association.

<http://apha.confex.com/apha/136am/webprogram/Paper181093.html>

Slides of full presentation available from author Richard Garfein PhD of UCSD  
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From the conclusion: Of 32 LHJs not planning to adopt SB1159, the top four reasons were: limited time (37.5%) or interest (31.3%), pharmacy disinterest (29.0%), and law enforcement opposition (21.8%). The main barriers to adoption among the 7 pending LHJs were community opposition (42.9%), lack of funding (42.9%), pharmacy disinterest (42.9%) and potential syringe disposal concerns (42.9%). Conclusions: Although few new LHJs adopted SB1159 since 2007, those that have are home to 70% of Californians currently living with HIV/AIDS. Significantly increased pharmacy registration indicates growing support for SB1159. Community opposition and competing priorities, time, and funding must be addressed to expand OTC syringe sales in California.

Do Needle Syringe Programs Reduce HIV Infection Among Injecting Drug Users: A Comprehensive Review of the International Evidence.

Wodak A, Cooney A. *Substance Use & Misuse* (2006) 41:777-813

Available from Alex Wodak, [awodak@stvincents.com.au](mailto:awodak@stvincents.com.au) or Glenn Backes

Syringe Exchange in California: Policy, Programs and Progress  
Center for Health Improvement, 2009

[http://www.chipolicy.org/pdf/6154.Policy\\_Brief\\_Rev\\_6.09.pdf](http://www.chipolicy.org/pdf/6154.Policy_Brief_Rev_6.09.pdf)

Effectiveness of Sterile Needle and Syringe Programming in Reducing HIV/AIDS Among Injection Drug Users

World Health Organization, 2004

<http://www.unodc.org/documents/hiv-aids/EFA%20effectiveness%20sterile%20needle.pdf>

Evidence for Action on HIV/AIDS and Injecting Drug Use. Policy Brief: Provision of Sterile Injections Equipment to Reduce HIV Transmission

World Health Organization, 2004

<http://www.emro.who.int/aiecf/web32.pdf>

The Importance of Syringe Exchange: Notable Quotes from Current and Past Policy Makers

American Foundation for AIDS Research, 2009

[http://www.amfar.org/uploadedFiles/In\\_the\\_Community/Publications/The%20Importance%20of%20Syringe%20Exchange%20Programs.pdf](http://www.amfar.org/uploadedFiles/In_the_Community/Publications/The%20Importance%20of%20Syringe%20Exchange%20Programs.pdf)

Laws Prohibiting Over-the-Counter Syringe Sales to Injection Drug Users: Relations to Population Density, HIV Prevalence, and HIV Incidence.

Friedman SR, Perlis T, Des Jarlais DC. *American Journal of Public Health*, 2001

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/cgi/reprint/91/5/791>

Expanding Access to Sterile Syringes Through Pharmacies: Assessment of New York's Expanded Syringe Access Program. Teroriero JM, et al. *Journal of American Pharmacists Association*, 2009. 49:407-416

Available from Wesley Badillo, NY State Department of Health

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Receptive Syringe Sharing Among Injection Drug Users in Harlem and the Bronx During the New York State Expanded Syringe Access Demonstration Program.

Puget ER, et al. *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*, 2005. 39:4 471-477.

Available from Ernie Pouget at National Development and Research Institute

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Examination of Association Between Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) Dispensation Policy and SEP Client-level Syringe Coverage Among Injection Drug Users. Bluthenthal RN, et al. RAND Corporation. *Addiction*, 2007. 102, 638-646.

Available from author Ricky Bluthenthal PhD of RAND Corporation

[rbluthenthal@csudh.edu](mailto:rbluthenthal@csudh.edu) or Glenn Backes

Higher Syringe Coverage is Associated with Lower Odds of HIV Risk and Does Not Increase Unsafe Syringe Disposal Among Syringe Exchange Program Clients.

Bluthenthal RN, Anderson R, Flynn NM, Kral AH. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 2007. 89 214-222.

Available from author Ricky Bluthenthal PhD of RAND Corporation

[rbluthenthal@csudh.edu](mailto:rbluthenthal@csudh.edu) or Glenn Backes

Evidence-based Findings on the Efficacy of Syringe Exchange Programs: An Analysis of the Scientific Research Completed Since April 1998.

David Satcher, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General, 2000. US Health & Human Service, Washington DC

<http://www.dogwoodcenter.org/references/Satcher00.html>