SAFER INJECTING

1 HYGIENE

Wash your hands and the place you are going to inject. Use soap or an alcohol swab.



2 WORKS

Always use new sterile equipment. Do not share or borrow anything you use to prepare or inject with.



3 PREPARE

Grind down any lumps in the powder. Always use a new clean filter. Use a Sterifilt, if available.





4 FINDING A VEIN

Pumping motion, heat (e.g., warm water), and using a tourniquet makes veins more visible.







5 INJECTING

Always inject towards the heart at an angle that prevents the needle from passing through the vein. Use the thinnest needle possible.





6 AFTER THE INJECTION

Apply pressure with a clean paper towel for 5 minutes. Apply a band-aid if necessary. Wash your hands and dispose equipment safely.



USING THE TOURNIQUET

INJECTION SITES









3 DRAW BACK A LITTLE



4. RELEASE THE TOURNI-**QUET BEFORE INJECTION**



IREMEMBER

When drawing back, if the blood is bright red, DO NOT INJECT. You have injected into an artery.

TREMEMBER

Do not fall asleep with the tourniquet in place - or you may lose your whole arm.





Brightly coloured, even frothy blood: DO NOT INJECT!

Good

Dark red colour



