



California Authorizes Syringes Without Prescriptions

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Pharmacies in California can now sell clean syringes to adults without a prescription, thus helping prevent diseases spread through injection drug use. Since two of the most commonly transmitted blood-borne viruses among people who inject drugs are HIV and hepatitis C, this law should go a long way to stop the spread of both. Studies have shown that improved syringe access reduces rates of transmission without increasing drug use or crime, so there's very little downside or risk. Ah, the good that can happen when science prevails over stigma and misinformation!

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