

# Penile Injection Therapy

The two drugs most commonly used to attain erections are Caverject (Prostaglandin E1), and Triple X (Prostaglandin E1, Papaverine, and Phentolamine). Caverject is the only FDA approved medication. The doctor or his staff will demonstrate and teach the proper technique. Do Not Use before this instruction.

Risk include, but are not limited to:

1. Scarring
2. Infection
3. Priapism (Prolonged erection)

If the erection lasts more than 4 hours, seek medical attention.

## Injection Technique Overview

1. Never inject the top or bottom of the penis
2. Avoid veins and inject directly into the penis closer to the base
3. Hold pressure for approximately one minute

## **TRIMIX SELF-INJECTION PROCEDURE**

### DETAILED PROCEDURE

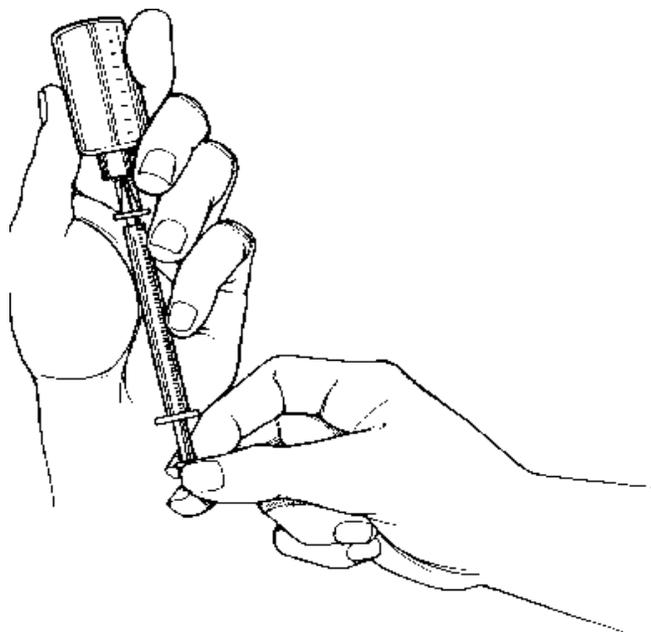
#### **STEP 1: GETTING SET UP**

- a. Proper hygiene is important. Wash your hands and keep the penis clean.
- b. Assemble the following:
  - Bottle of Trimix
  - Alcohol
  - Syringe
- c. Keep the Trimix cold by returning the bottle to the refrigerator, or by placing the bottle in a cup of ice

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## STEP 2: PREPARE THE SYRINGE

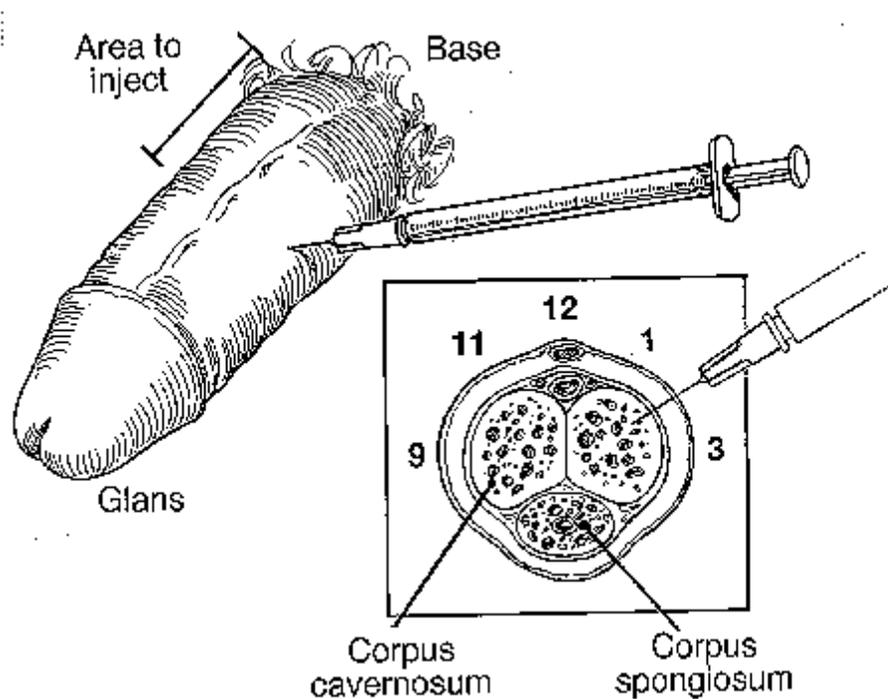
- a. Wipe the rubber top of the vial with an alcohol pad.
- b. After removing the cap of the needle, pull the plunger back to the dosage prescribed by your doctor, filling this volume with air. Use a new needle and syringe each time.
- c. Insert the needle through the rubber top and inject the air into the vial.
- d. Turn the vial with needle and syringe inserted upside down. Pull back on the syringe plunger in a slow and steady motion until the prescribed dosage is achieved.
- e. Tap the side of the syringe to allow any air bubbles to float towards the needle. Avoid having these air bubbles in the syringe when self-injecting by first injecting out the collected bubbles that may form.
- f. Remove the needle from the bottle and replace the protective cap on the needle.



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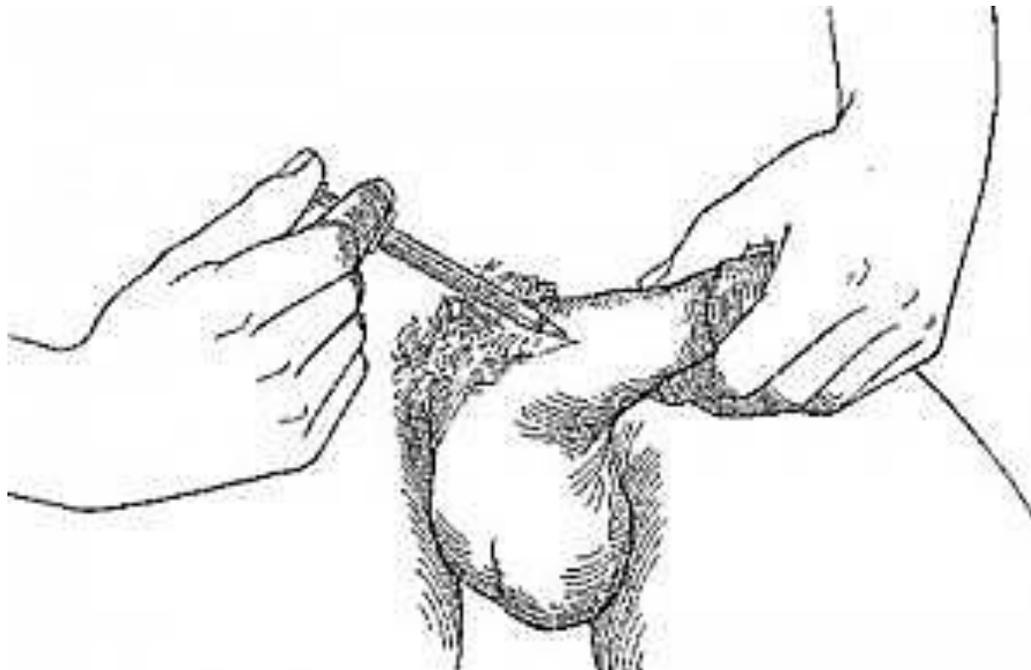
## STEP 3: SELECT AND PREPARE THE SITE FOR INJECTION

- a. The proper location for injection is at the 9-11 and 1-3 o'clock positions, between the base and mid-portion of the penis. (see diagram) Avoid the midline because of potential for injury to the urethra (6 o'clock; for urinary passage) and the penile arteries and nerves (near 12 o'clock). Avoid any visible veins or arteries on the surface.



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- b. Grasp and pull the head of the penis toward the side of your leg with the index finger and thumb (use the left hand, if right handed). While maintaining light tension, select a site for injection.
- c. Clean the site with an alcohol pad.



### **STEP 4: INJECT TRIMIX AND APPLY COMPRESSION**

- a. With a steady and continuous motion, penetrate the skin with the needle at a 90° angle. The needle should then be advanced to the hub. Slight resistance is encountered as the needle passes into the proper position within the erectile tissue (corporeal body).
- b. Inject the Trimix over approximately 4 seconds. Withdraw the needle from the penis and apply compression to the injection site for approximately 1 minute. Several minutes of compression may be required to avoid bleeding, especially if you are an aspirin user.
- c. Replace the cap on the needle and dispose of properly.