

Infective Endocarditis

Infective endocarditis is a life-threatening inflammation of the heart's chambers and valves that can be difficult and expensive to treat.

Like hepatitis and HIV, **infective endocarditis** can be caused by using needles that are not sterile.

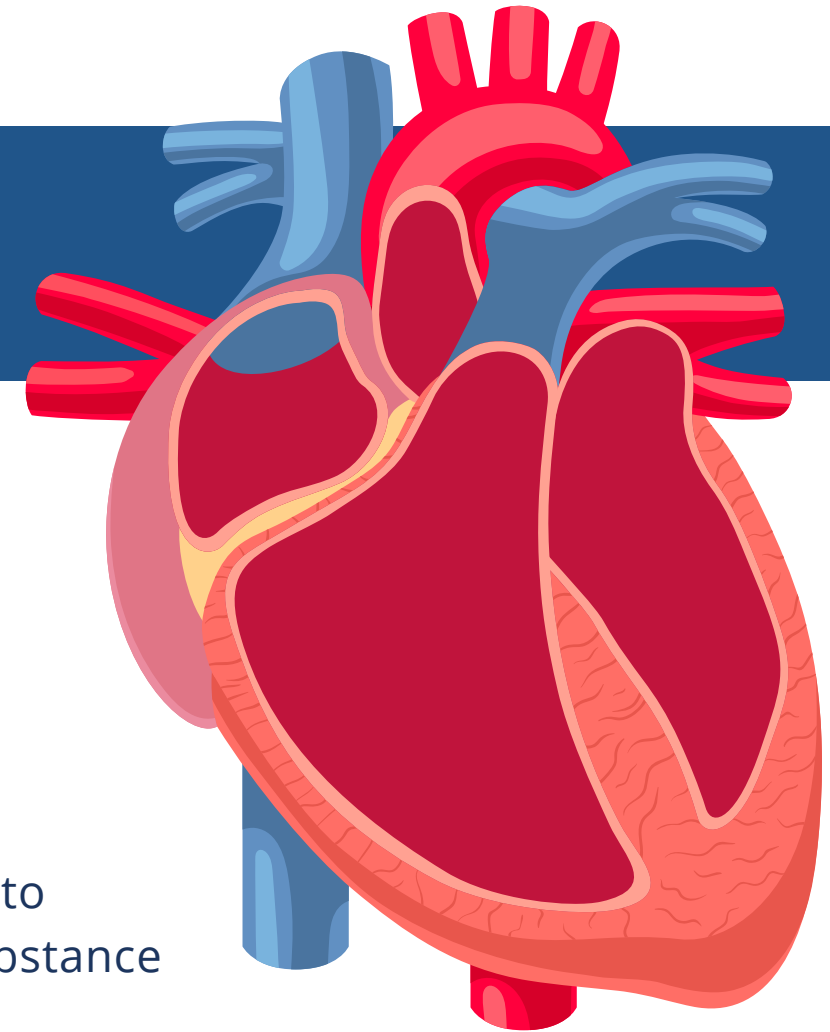
Infective endocarditis associated with injection drug use can be **prevented** by:



Providing **harm reduction services**, including access to sterile injection equipment and promoting safer injection practices



Increasing access to **treatment** for substance use disorders



Source: CDC, NHLBI