

COMMON SYRINGE SIZES

Needle Gauge	Needle Length	Generally Used For	Possible Slang Terms (fill in new terms you hear)
18	1 inch	Transferring intramuscular hormones from vial to syringe, drawing up liquid (steroid/pill mixes) into barrels before changing over to a smaller tip for injection	
21	1¼ inch	Intramuscular injections (e.g., naloxone, steroids, hormones) and drawing up liquid (steroid/pill mixes) into barrels before changing over to a smaller tip for injection	Muscle, longs
22	1 or 1 ½ inch	Intramuscular injections (e.g., naloxone, steroids, hormones)	Muscle, longs
23	1 inch	Intramuscular injections (e.g., naloxone, steroids, pills, hormones), methadone	Muscle, longs
25	1 inch	Intravenous drug use in deeper veins, intramuscular injection, Intravenous crushed pills	Blue tips, longs, muscle
27	½ inch	Standard insulin set, intravenous drug use	Oranges, shorts
28	½ inch	Standard insulin set, intravenous drug use	Oranges, shorts
29	½ inch	Intravenous drug use	Oranges, shorts
30	½ or 5/16 inch	Intravenous drug use, small veins like hands and feet	Bee stingers, super shorts, micros
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