

Scalpels

Model: _____ **Do you recommend this device?** (circle one) **No** **Yes**

Reviewer: _____ **Date:** _____ **Total score:*** _____

Usage: How many times did you use this device in clinical practice? ___ Inspection only ___ 1-10 ___ 11-20 ___ >20

** While this score may help you compare models, it should not be used as the sole determining factor. Exceptional performance (either good or bad) in even one category may be sufficient to warrant recommending a product or eliminating it from consideration.*

Circle the most appropriate response to assess the protective device and its ability to prevent sharps injuries.

1.0 Healthcare Worker Safety

		<u>Disagree</u>		<u>Agree</u>		
		1	2	3	4	
1.1	The device prevents injuries during use — that is, it offers reliable protection before disposal.	NA	1	2	3	4
1.2	The device prevents injuries after use — that is, the safety mechanism remains activated through disposal of the device.	NA	1	2	3	4
1.3	The safety mechanism is integral to the device — that is, it does not need to be attached by the user — and it cannot be easily removed from the device before use.	NA	1	2	3	4
1.4	The device provides automatic protection — that is, the user cannot fail to activate the safety mechanism.	NA	1	2	3	4
1.5	The user is not required or tempted to use two hands to activate the mechanism.	NA	1	2	3	4
1.6	During activation, the user's hands remain behind the sharp until activation of the safety mechanism is complete.	NA	1	2	3	4
1.7	The user can tell whether the safety mechanism has been activated without looking at the device.	NA	1	2	3	4

2.0 Patient Safety and Comfort

2.1	The device minimizes the risk of infection to the patient (e.g., through cross-contamination).	NA	1	2	3	4
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3.0 Ease of Use and Quality of Training

3.1	Device operation is easy and intuitive; the user quickly becomes comfortable using the device in a safe and correct manner.	NA	1	2	3	4
3.2	The device can be used by a left-handed person as easily as by a right-handed person.	NA	1	2	3	4
3.3	The device is of a similar type (i.e., reusable versus disposable) as the scalpels currently used in the care area.	NA	1	2	3	4
3.4	The device is used in a manner similar to conventional devices (or the device currently used).	NA	1	2	3	4
3.5	Ease of use is maintained when handling the device with wet gloves.	NA	1	2	3	4
3.6	The type and size of the device can be easily identified from the packaging.	NA	1	2	3	4
3.7	The quality of the in-service training is excellent.	NA	1	2	3	4

4.0 Compatibility

4.1	The device is available in the sizes needed.	NA	1	2	3	4
4.2	The device can be easily disposed of in sharps containers available in the area of use.	NA	1	2	3	4
4.3	Using the device will result in little or no increase in sharps container waste volume.	NA	1	2	3	4

Comments



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