Suture Needles

Sharps Safety Device Assessment Form 16

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 needlesticks or other sharps injuries.

			Disagree			Agree
1.0	**Healthcare Worker Safety**					
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.	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
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 used in a manner similar to conventional devices (or the device currently used).	NA	1	2	3	4
3.4	The type and size of the device can be easily identified from the packaging.	NA	1	2	3	4
3.5	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

Comments

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