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Sector: 7660 - Service Sector, Health Care and Social Assistance

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Submission:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed Sharps regulations for a safer system for everyone handling needles. Your proposal only deals with venous access. These regulations need to cover all hollow bore needles. There are very good products available for IM, SubQ and Venous products. Safety not cost needs to be the driving force behind what product is selected. IHA has already proudly announced the plan to introduce an inferior 'safety' product that nurses (the primary users) have clearly stated is inferior and difficult to use. This flip cap model will not have any impact on increased safety in the community. Proper regulations covering all hollow bore needles with the retractable and lock system is what is required in the regulations. It would also mean less needlesticks in community parks and other public places. This regulation also needs to come into effect in a timely manner. Jan 2008 is a far longer timeline than is needed to implement a safer practice for not only health care workers but also the public.

Q: The proposed change is easy to understand

A: Neutral

Q: The reasons given in the explanatory notes to support this change are relevant

A: Disagree

Q: The proposed change will have a direct effect on the work carried out at my workplace

A: Agree

Q: The proposed change will have a positive impact on the health or safety at my workplace

A: Neutral

Q: I support the proposal

A: Neutral

Q: I will participate in the regulatory review on-line process in future

A: Agree
