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

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Submission:

I am concerned that proposed amendments do not sufficiently protect Registered Nurses from sharps injury. While caring for a patient who required urgent air evacuation I suffered a needlestick injury from a intramuscular injection. The patient had hepatitis C. The distress and impact this injury had on me and my family was considerable. One full year of blood tests was required before I could be assured transmission of the virus had not occurred. My husband and I had to practice safe sex measures during this time, and with each blood test I experienced anxiety and stress. I am concerned the proposed changes only provides protection against vascular access hollow bore devices (not intramuscular or subcutaneous or scalpels or sutures. Furthermore changes will not be in effect until January 2008. This is actually 12 years after the injury I describe above. One shouldn't need to wait this long to see effective regulations in place. I also feel employers should be required to provide the safest device available and involve workers in its selection.

Q: The proposed change is easy to understand

A: Agree

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

A: Neutral

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: Disagree

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

A: Agree