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Submission:

Have you experienced the sick, horrified feeling of shock after experiencing a needle stick injury? I have on several occasions during my 30 year career as a RN. Not only does it affect the person stuck, but also their family. Would you want to potentially infect your spouse with a blood born disease?

EVERYTHING possible should be done to prevent ALL needle stick injuries. The legislation must cover IM and SC devices and if possible scalples and sutures. Regulations should be passed quickly, 2008 is too long a wait, and must mandate the use of the safest device possible. Workers should be involved in selecting the best devices. The proposed regulation does not provide a mechanism for tracking/logging injuries and it does not cover best practices like no hand to hand passing, or neutral space.

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: Strongly Agree

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

A: Neutral

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  
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