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the proposed changes, while an improvement, don't go far enough. Most nurses have had a needlestick from an IM needle either while giving an injection to a patient or while preparing a medication. Even a clean needle can cause a problem if there are viruses or bacteria on the person's hands which are then forced into their bloodstream by the needlestick. Another area of concern are the scalpel blades. In our hospital, the Drs. are responsible for removing the blades from their used scalpels. This does not always happen as they are usually in a hurry to rush off to a busy practice. The unsuspecting nurse then cleans the used procedure tray, picks up the scalpel handle and cuts her finger as she finds out the hard way that the Dr. didn't remove the blade. I can't even guess at how many times these incidents are not reported. It was a clean needle after all or I know that patient and I'm sure he's okay. We do need stronger regulations with regard to all aspects of medical sharps not just vascular access hollow bore devices

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: Agree

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: Agree

Q: I support the proposal

A: Agree

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

A: Agree  
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