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Part 6, Section 6.33

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

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Submission:

I am an RN working in a Neuropsychiatric Unit, we mostly give IMI/Sub.cut injections, so these are the sharps we are mostly working with and we have had Needle stick injuries from giving these injections.

It is unacceptable that the new Safety Device regulation is only focused on Vascular sharps. As this implies that you do not view the NSI,s resulting from Bedside care IMI's and allied Healthcare workers being injured by a stray needle as being worthy of regulated safety devices.

This new regulation, is positive, in that you are moving in the right direction to protect workers from NSI's, HOWEVER It is too long to wait till Jan 2008 for this Reg. to be in place; this does not require the Employer to provide the SAFEST safety device, and you have to know that they will go for the Cheapest devices available, and you are not requiring that workers be involved in the selection of safety devices and not many Employers do give workers the opportunity to be involved in the process of selection.

MOST IMPORTANTLY It is offensive to me that you are looking to Protect SOME workers by regulating safety devices for those who use Vascular devices, this excludes those of us, in the majority, who get NSI's from other Sharps.

I am on our JOH&S Committee and I do the AIR's and see where the NSI's are and more of them are from needles that are NOT vascular devices. Please, look to changing to Regulate ALL sharps with the BEST Safety devices.

Thank you. Judy.

Q: The proposed change is easy to understand

A: Disagree

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: Agree

Q: I support the proposal

A: Disagree

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

A: Strongly Agree
