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Submission:

Regarding needle sharp disposal and needle stick injury, needlestick injuries happen with any kind of needle not just large bore or gauge used for collecting blood. I have had 2 needlestick injuries and I began nursing in 2000. One was from an overflowing needle sharps container the other when a butterfly needle with tape attached to it became stuck to my uniform.

During long hours or in difficult to reach areas needles are a hazard and the increasing complexity of multifactorial diagnosed patients, esp patients with IV use histories and the like. eg. IV drug user accessed their own IV line with their own needle then put dirty sharp needle on dinner tray. Privatized catering food services in UBC find sharps when trays are sent back to dietary.

Q: The proposed change is easy to understand

A: Strongly Disagree

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

A: Strongly Disagree

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

A: Strongly Disagree

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

A: Strongly Disagree

Q: I support the proposal

A: Strongly Disagree

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

A: Strongly Agree
