Factors Affecting Compliance with the Safety Agenda

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Building the Chain of Safety: Stakeholders Summit
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25 years of progress

1984 → present

THE LANCET

NEEDLESTICK TRANSMISSION OF HTLV-III FROM A PATIENT INFECTED IN AFRICA

The Lancet has received news of worrying events in a British hospital and, to preserve confidentiality, an anonymous report seems appropriate.

An investigation is being held in southern Africa.
University Hospital, 1985

- Overfilled trash
- Needles in IV lines
- Inappropriate trash disposal
Two Types of Advances:

1 - Pathogen-Specific
   - Hepatitis B vaccine
   - Effective therapies for HCV
   - HIV: PEP for HCWs and ARVs for patients

2 - Exposure Prevention
   - Improved sharps disposal systems
   - Appropriate personal protective equipment
   - Safety-engineered sharp devices
THE GOOD NEWS . . .
1985
12,500 US HCWs occupationally infected with HBV
250 deaths

HBV

2010

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U.S. Health Care Workers with Occupationally Acquired HIV/AIDS

Giuseppe Ippolito
Gabriella de Carli
Vincenzo Puro
Of 10 cases of occupational HCV infection occurring in Italian healthcare workers from 2003-2006 “viral clearance was eventually observed in all cases (3 spontaneously, 4 following therapy during the acute phase and 3 during the chronic phase)”
Exposure Prevention

NO DATA

NO PROBLEM
A New Generation of Protective Devices

safety-engineered devices

conventional devices

illegal

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DATA POLICY

EPINet

OSHA, FDA, other

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Pulling Levers

guidelines, regulations, legislation
FDA SAFETY ALERT:
Needlestick and Other Risks from Hypodermic Needles on Secondary I.V. Administration Sets -- Piggyback and Intermittent I.V.

April 16, 1992

Dear Colleague:

This is to alert you to the risk of needlestick injuries from the use of hypodermic needles as a connection between two pieces of intravenous (I.V.) equipment. The use of exposed hypodermic needles on I.V. administration sets or the use of syringes to access I.V. administration set ports or injection sites are unnecessary and should be avoided. Hypodermic needles should only be used in situations where there is a need to penetrate the skin.
Injury Rates from Needles on IV Lines
Before & After the 1992 FDA Safety Alert

EPINet hospitals, International Healthcare Worker Safety Center

1986
1 teaching hospital
84/513

1993
1 teaching hospital
14/550

1999
9 teaching hospitals
17/4,454

85% 99.9%

FDA alert
Dear Colleague:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) want to alert you to the potential risk of injury and/or infection from bloodborne pathogens, including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B and hepatitis C viruses, due to accidental breakage of glass capillary tubes...
Non-Breakable Plastic Hematocrit Tubes
IV catheter injury rates per 100,000 devices

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Injuries per 100,000 devices</th>
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<tr>
<td>1986</td>
<td>Conventional</td>
<td>18.4</td>
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<td>1993**</td>
<td>Conventional</td>
<td>7.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>1993**</td>
<td>Safety</td>
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U.S. Estimated percent market share* of safety compared to conventional devices, 1998 – 2009

* Market share (reflects $ spent/purchase volume) and is a proxy for conversion or use

87 hospitals; total injuries = 24,440 (excludes injuries occurring before use of device)

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Device Specific Injury Rates

US EPINet 1993-2004: 87 hospitals; total injuries = 10,778. Excludes injuries occurring before use of device
Two areas where progress lags:

Operating Room

Non-hospital settings
OR versus Non-OR Injury Rates

EPINet 1993-2003: 87 hospitals; total injuries = 28,895. Excludes injuries occurring before use of device

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A misconception about safety-engineered sharp devices
Question: What is the best safety device?

The answer is . . . . .
Wrong question

The correct question is . . . . .

What is the appropriate safety device for the procedure being performed?
## Appropriate applications for syringes with different safety features

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<th>Safety Feature</th>
<th>IM/SC injection (complete injection)</th>
<th>IM/SC injection (partial injection*)</th>
<th>Blood drawing</th>
<th>Drug mixing</th>
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<td>Retractable needle</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>no*</td>
<td>no**</td>
<td>not necessary</td>
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<td>(spring-loaded or manual)</td>
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<td>Hinged-cap needle</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes***</td>
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<td>(with removable needle)</td>
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<td>(with fixed needle)</td>
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<td>Articulated, unfolding shield</td>
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<td>yes</td>
<td>yes***</td>
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<td>Sliding sleeve</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes</td>
<td>yes***</td>
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<td>Conventional syringe</td>
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* When residual fluid remains in the syringe after injection the plunger cannot be fully depressed and cannot engage the retraction mechanism.
** Safety mechanism cannot be activated before transfer of blood to a specimen container.
*** Needle can be covered and removed before transfer of blood to a specimen container.

International Standardized Surveillance

Allows countries to share and compare data and to learn best practices and identify high risk practices wherever they are in use.
Japan Fellows Program
2000-2004
Figure 1. Percentage of Hollow-Bore Needle Injuries to Healthcare Workers’ Feet, by Device

(Japan and U.S. EPINet Surveillance Networks, 1996-2001)

Russian Fellows September 2009

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International Fellows

Dr. Bassem Zayed, Dr. David Meya, Dr. Sydney Shampile

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World Health Organization Project Protecting Healthcare Workers
King Saud Bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, August 2009

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Japanese colleague: Progress is slow, our steps are small
Distance traveled

Look behind you to see how far you have come.