

EXAMPLE

Sample Sharps Injury Prevention Program Action Plan: *Prevention Initiatives*

Problem:	Disposal-related sharps injuries
Outcome Goal:	Reduce to zero the number of injuries associate with sharps disposal
Beginning Measure:	18 disposal-related injuries from 1/01/00 to 12/31/00
Post Intervention Measure:	

Problem	Baseline # Injuries/ time period±	Prevention Strategies£	Implementation* Status/Date	# Injuries Post Intervention	Comments
Needlesticks among laundry workers due to needles left in laundry, chiefly IV catheter stylets.	3/year	A - Memo to all department heads asking them to review sharps disposal with staff	C 2/3/01	1/1/01 - 4/1/01 One sharp reported in laundry since intervention; no injuries to laundry staff	Additional sharps containers were placed in laundry area
		A - Meeting with laundry workers asking them to be alert to problem and to encourage reporting of sharps found in laundry, discuss what to do with sharps if found, and identification of laundry source if known	C 2/5/01		
		E - Implementation of safer IV catheters	P 4/1/01		
Needlesticks associated with overfilled sharps containers in ER and ICU	6/year	A - Site evaluation of sharps containers in ER and ICU	C 3/6/01	1/1/01 - 4/1/01 Two injuries due to overfilled sharps reported, one in ICU, one in other unit	Problem associated with pick-up frequency
		WP/ET- Review procedures for collection of sharps containers with housekeeping	C 3/15/01		Frequency of pick-up not a problem. Staff reluctant to enter rooms when procedures are going on
		A- Set up meeting with housekeeping and nursing staff to discuss possible solutions	P 4/1/01		
Injuries with butterfly needles <u>during disposal</u>	7/year	A- Investigate incidents to determine whether injuries involved front or boot end butterfly needles	IP 4/1/01	1/1/01 - 4/1/01 Three butterfly injuries reported	
		E- mplement safer butterfly devices	IP 4/1/01		
		A- In hospital newsletter discuss safe ways of handling butterfly needles	P 4/1/01		
Other improper disposal injuries	2/year	A- Address through injuries to laundry workers described above			

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Sample Sharps Injury Prevention Program Action Plan: *Process Improvement*

Process of Concern *	Problem	Action Items	Status/Date	Outcome

* Safety culture, sharps injury reporting, education, etc.