

1.5 Prevention and Management of Sharp Injuries (inoculation injuries)

AIM: Sharps / needlestick injuries, bites and splashes involving blood or other bodily fluid are managed in a way that reduces the risk of injury or infection

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Criteria:	Achieved in Full	Partially Achieved	Not Achieved	Action Plan & Review Date
1. The practice have a comprehensive policy for the management of sharps / needlestick injuries, bites and splashes	✓			update + review of evidence policies - Nov 2020.
2. The practice have arrangements in place to ensure that relevant staff are offered immunisation against Hepatitis B	✓			Occupational Health at -----
3. All practice clinical and non clinical staff receive training in sharps/bite/splash management and are aware of the actions to take following injury		✓	✓	will provide training to non-clinical staff. - Review Nov 20 clinical staff. - Review Oct 2021
4. All needlestick/ bite/ splash incidents are recorded on an incident form and also reported according to practice policy	✓			Oct 2021.
5. Sharps containers comply with BS 7320(1990)/UN 3291 / 857320	✓			Oct 2021.
6. Sharps containers are correctly assembled	✓			Oct 2021.
Totals				

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7. All sharps containers in use are labelled with date, locality and signed	✓			Oct 2021.
8. Sharps containers are available at point of use	✓			Oct 2021.
9. Sharps containers are not to be filled beyond the indicator mark	✓			Oct 2021.
10. There are no inappropriate items in the sharps container e.g. swabs or packaging	✓			Oct 2021.
11. Needles, syringes and equipment used for venepuncture must be single use only and are discarded as a single unit	✓			Oct 2021.
12. Full sharps containers are sealed only with the integral lock and not with tape or stickers ^{40,42,43}	✓			Oct 2021.
13. Unsafe re-sheathing of needles does not occur	✓			Oct 2021.
14. Sharps containers must be stored safely away from the public and out of reach of children and off the floor	✓			Oct 2021.
Totals				

1.5 Practice review

A. What lessons did the practice discover from carrying out this audit?

Our policies need condensing + updating.
Check re vaccine status records that PN keeps.
Provide training + updates to all staff.

B. What changes, if any have the practice agreed to implement as a result of this audit?


New clinical staff training - 6/10/2020.
Reminder re safe use of needles + injection technique
for clinical staff.

C. What support would enable the practice to enhance the service it provides to patients?

Online resources.

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