

11 May 2013: Adaption of the EU Directive 2010/32/EU in National Law

EU Directive on the prevention of needle stick injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector



The objective of the EU Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention from sharp injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector to be adopted 11 May 2013 on a national scale is to achieve the safest possible working environment for healthcare staff.

Workers in the healthcare sector are at risk from needlestick or sharps injury. Workers may become infected by blood-borne pathogens (viruses, bacteria, fungi and other micro-organisms). The most widespread viruses are HIV, hepatitis B (HBV) and C (HCV), but there are more than 20 blood-borne diseases that may be transmitted.

The obligatory preventive and protection measures include:

- eliminating the unnecessary use of sharps
- incorporating safety-engineered protection mechanisms
- implementing safe systems of work
- implementing safe procedures for using and disposing of medical sharps
- banning the re-sheathing of used ne

Publications:

- Case study: Needlestick how to prevent needlestick injuries, EU-OSHA European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, source: http://osha.europa.eu/data/case-studies/needlestick-2014-how to-prevent-needlestick-injuries effectively
- E-Facts 40: Gefährdungsbeurteilung und Nadelstichverletzungen, EU-OSHA European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, source: http://osha.europa.eu/de/publications/e-facts/efact40
- NHS information, source: http://www.nhsemployers.org/EmploymentPolicyAndPractice/European_employment_policy/Pages/Initiatives-On-Needlestick-Injuries.aspx

Safety-Needle – Safety for routine blood collection

Pre-assembled system

The Safety-Needle is always ready for use. No need to assemble it with a needle holder.



Safe puncturing

... at a recommended shallow angle particularly for fragile veins.





Multi-Safe disposal boxes

- Safe and user-friendly disposal of sharps
- The size of opening may be customised by breaking the two perforated sections prior to lid assembly
- Universal removal aid for Luer lock systems and insulin pens





Safety products

The all-round safety solution in blood collection from SARSTEDT

Needle protection with one hand, pre-assembled adapter, optimal packaging and material

One-handed operation of the Safety-Multifly® Needle protector provides maximum ease of handling. The S-Monovette® adapter of the Safety-Multifly® is already assembled forming a complete unit ready for use. The packaging and tubing are tailored to the requirements of blood collection and subsequent disposal in sharps containers.

Safety needle protector

The special needle protector of the Safety-Needle enables safe completion of blood collection by locking the needle in the protective sleeve. Subsequently, the complete unit is disposed of in a suitable sharps container.

Safety-Lancet – Safe and easy sampling with increased patient comfort

- Sterile single-use product preventing the risk of needle stick injuries as the needle and blade are safely concealed in the ancet body before and after use
- Range of needle sizes and blades with defined penetration depths for sampling from a finger, earlobe and heel
- Primed and ready to use, enabling easy removal of the needle protector cap and activation of the firing button
- Defined wings and guide notches in the lancet body ensure safe grip and convenient handling



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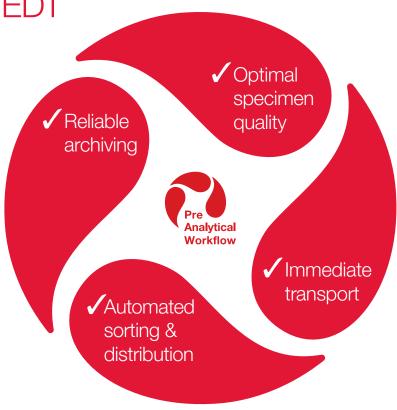
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