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Abstract:

About 35.7 million healthcare workers face sustaining a needlestick injury worldwide and an estimated 384,000 percutaneous injuries occur annually in United States hospitals alone.^{1,2} Although needlestick injuries continue to pose a major occupational hazard for healthcare workers, underreporting and a “culture of silence” persist.³ Few papers suggest solutions. We propose a novel solution that will help deter high-risk (i.e., history of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), bloodborne hepatitis virus, or intravenous (IV) drug abuse) needlesticks in the operating room (OR) and the wards.

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