



Intravenous news: News-Medical.net report “According to the Australian Nurses Federation (ANF) there are more than 18,000 reports of accidental needle stick injuries to nurses caused by syringes or other sharp items in Australia each year. This increases their risk of contracting deadly blood borne diseases like HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B and C etc. The authorities believe that these figures although alarming are not reflective of the true figures with many nurses choosing to keep their exposure under wraps.

Now the nurses are urging the government to provide more funds to secure that these accidents don’t happen. The ANF has demanded \$50 million over three years from the Federal Government to organize a program that can reduce such risks. The ANF also wants reporting of such incidents to be made mandatory.”

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