

APPENDIX F

SHARPS INJURY SURVEY FORM

Date: _____

Purpose: This survey tool will be used to evaluate factors contributing to or leading to injuries with sharp objects or needles that could possibly result in infection. Any identifying information will remain confidential. The aggregate data will be used to evaluate hazards and formulate injury prevention initiatives.

Scope: This survey tool should be completed by any person experiencing a sharps injury (employees, students, and volunteers) occurring on UTHSCSA property.

Directions: Mark the response that most accurately reflects your sharps injury. This survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Return via campus mail to: **Environmental Health & Safety Department, Mail code 7928.**

1. Indicate your employment type:
 - Student
 - Resident
 - Employee / Faculty
 - Volunteer
 - Other _____
2. Indicate the number of years of experience you've had using the sharp or needle involved in this injury:
 - 1st year of experience
 - 2nd year of experience
 - 2-5 years of experience
 - More than 5 years of experience
3. Which activity best describes the task you were performing when the percutaneous injury occurred?
 - Clinical patient care
 - Research not involving patient care
 - Waste disposal / sharps disposal
 - Other: _____
4. Where were you physically located when this injury occurred?
 - Dental School
 - Medical School
 - Nursing School
 - Allied Health
 - Graduate School / Basic Science Building
 - Other: _____
5. Have you received safety training within the previous 12 months on the safe use and disposal of sharp objects?
 - YES
 - NO
 - I don't remember
6. In your opinion, which factor most likely contributed to your percutaneous injury?
 - Lack of experience
 - Lack of familiarity with the device or needle
 - Lack of safety training
 - Lack of "needleless devices" or "engineered sharps"
 - Clinical problems (e.g. difficult patient or inability to see manipulation)
 - Inaccessibility of convenient sharps disposal containers
 - Other: _____
7. In your opinion, which initiative would be most effective at preventing future sharps injuries?
 - No initiative would have effectively prevented this injury
 - Enhanced curriculum on safe handling of these devices
 - Substitution with "needleless" devices or "engineered sharps"
 - Additional time observing others handling these devices
 - Other: _____
8. Did you have access to, or was an acceptable needless system available as, a substitute for this task or activity?
 - YES
 - NO
 - Not sure

Please provide any additional input on effective engineering or work practice controls:
