

Appendix F: Safer Sharps Device Initial Evaluation Form

This evaluation form must be completed by any UTIA employee that is required to perform sharps-related procedures on living humans similar in nature to those procedures performed in a healthcare setting (i.e., phlebotomy, injections, etc.). Likewise, this form must be completed by any UTIA/UTK/GSM research personnel who will be collecting blood or OPIM from a living human source as part of a research protocol/process. Please contact the Biological Safety Office at (865) 974-1938 if you have questions or need further information.

Evaluator's Name: _____ Job Title: _____
 Department/Clinic: _____ Date: _____
 Supervisor/PI: _____ Telephone #: _____
 Name of Device: _____
 Name of Manufacturer: _____
 Applications of device: _____

Please circle the most appropriate answer for each question. A rating of one (1) indicates the lowest level of agreement with the statement, five (5) the highest. Not applicable (N/A) may be used if the question does not apply to this product.

<i>General Feature Assessment</i>	<i>Disagree.....Agree</i>					
1. The safety feature can be activated using a one-handed technique.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
2. The user's hands remain behind the needle/sharp until activation of the safety mechanism is complete.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
3. The safety feature does not interfere with normal use of this product.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
4. Use of this product requires you to use the safety feature.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
5. A clear and unmistakable change (either audible or visible) occurs when the safety feature is activated.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
6. The device is easy to handle while wearing gloves.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
7. The device is easy to handle when wet.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
8. This device does not require more time to use than a non-safety device.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
9. The safety feature operates reliably.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
10. The exposed sharp is blunted or covered after use and prior to disposal.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
11. The safety feature works well with a wide variety of hand sizes and with a left-handed person as easily as with a right-handed person.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
12. Use of this product does not increase the number of sticks to the patient.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
13. Sterilization (if applicable) of this device is as easy as a standard device.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
14. The product stops the flow of blood after the needle is removed from the catheter (or after the butterfly is inserted) and just prior to line connections or hep-lock capping.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

15. The product does not require extensive training to be operated correctly. 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
16. The device can be used without causing more patient discomfort than a conventional device. 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Additional questions for I.V. Connectors:

Disagree.....Agree

17. Use of this connector eliminates the need for exposed needles in connections. 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
18. The safety feature allows you to collect blood directly into a vacuum tube, eliminating the need for needles. 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
19. The connector can be secured (locked) to Y-sites, hep-locks, and central lines. 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Additional questions for Vacuum Tube Blood Collection Systems:

Disagree.....Agree

20. The safety feature works with a butterfly. 1 2 3 4 5 N/A
21. The inner vacuum tube needle (rubber sleeved needle) does not present a danger of exposure. 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Would you recommend using this device?

Yes

No

Comments: _____

This evaluation must be maintained with your safety records. A copy of this evaluation form must be remitted to the UTK/UTIA/GSM Biological Safety Office by fax at (865) 946-2574 or by mail to:

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