

# SAFETY FEATURE EVALUATION FORM

## SHARPS DISPOSAL CONTAINERS



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Product: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of times used: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **circle** the most appropriate answer for each question. Not applicable (N/A) may be used if the question does not apply to this particular product.

- |   | agree.....disagree |
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| 1. The container's shape, its markings, or its color, imply danger .....  | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 2. The implied warning of danger can be seen from the angle at which people commonly view it (very short people, people in wheel chairs, children, etc) ..... | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 3. The implied warning can be universally understood by visitors, children, and patients ..   | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 4. The container's purpose is self-explanatory and easily understood by a worker who may be pressed for time or unfamiliar with the hospital setting .....    | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 5. The container can accept sharps from any direction desired .....   | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 6. The container can accept all sizes and shapes of sharps .....  | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 7. The container allows single handed operation. (Only the hand holding the sharp should be near the container opening) .....                                 | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 8. It is difficult to reach in and remove a sharp .....   | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 9. Sharps can go into the container without getting caught on the opening .....   | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 10. Sharps can go into the container without getting caught on any molded shapes in the interior .....  | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 11. The container is puncture resistant .....   | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 12. When the container is dropped or turned upside down (even before it is permanently closed) sharps stay inside .....                                       | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 13. The user can determine easily, from various viewing angles, when the container is full .....  | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 14. When the container is to be used free-standing (no mounting bracket), it is stable and unlikely to tip over .....   | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 15. It is safe to close the container. (Sharps should not protrude into the path of hands attempting to close the container) .....                            | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 16. The container closes securely. (e.g. if the closure requires glue, it may not work if the surfaces are soiled or wet.) .....                              | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 17. The product has handles which allow you to safely transport a full container .....  | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |
| 18. The product <b>does not</b> require extensive training to operate correctly .....   | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A      |

Of the above questions, which three are the most important to **your** safety when using this product?

Are there other questions which you feel should be asked regarding the safety/utility of this product?