

SAFETY FEATURE EVALUATION FORM

E. R. 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 which can be understood by visitors, children, and patients | 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 container can be placed in a location that is easily accessible during emergency procedures | 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 is temporarily closable, and will not spill contents (even after being dropped down a flight of stairs) | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 8. 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 |
| 9. It is difficult to reach in and remove a sharp | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 10. Sharps can go into the container without getting caught on the opening or any molded shapes in the interior | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 11. The container can be placed within arm's reach | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 12. The container is puncture resistant | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 13. 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 |
| 14. The user can determine easily, from various viewing angles, when the container is full . | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 15. 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 |
| 16. The container is large enough to accept all sizes and shapes of sharps, including 50 ml preloaded syringes | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 17. 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 |
| 18. The container closes securely under all circumstances | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 19. The product has handles which allow you to safely transport a full container | 1 2 3 4 5 N/A |
| 20. The product does not 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?