



Memorandum

Name

Position

Phone Number Ext.

DATE: November 4, 2015

TO: All MLAs and MLTs who perform blood collection

RE: NEEDLESTICK INJURY PREVENTION

A trend of needle stick injuries using butterfly needles was identified this year. We would like to take this opportunity increase the awareness of the risks associated with these devices and provide a refresher on how to properly utilize the device's safety features.

The following factors were identified as contributors to the injuries:

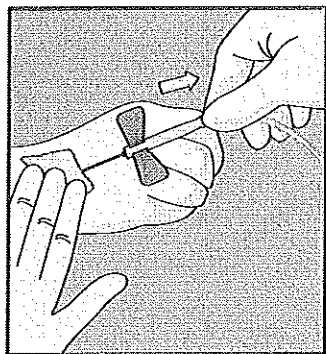
- The patient was uncooperative
- The patient position in the bed was less than optimal
- The safety feature was not fully engaged by the phlebotomist

Recommendations to reduce risk and increase safety while using butterfly needles:

1. Assess the condition and placement of the patient before starting:
 - Obtain assistance from Nursing if the patient is uncooperative
 - Ask the Nurse of assist with repositioning the patient if necessary
2. Review attached documents from Beckman Dickinson on how to properly use the safety lock on the needles
3. Take extra precaution in complex situations, ensure the safety lock is fully engaged before proceeding with the next steps
4. The Technical Coordinators can assist you with further instructions or concerns

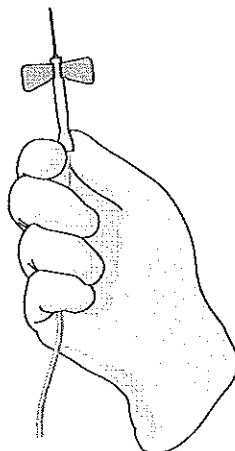
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Instructions for Activation

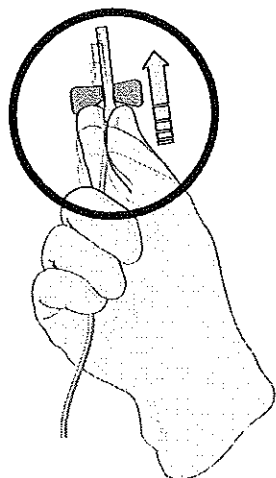


1. After completing blood draw and the final tube has filled, remove the Safety-Lok Blood Collection Set by...

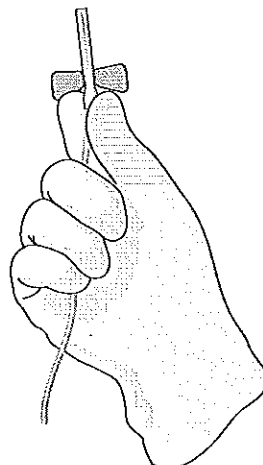
One-Handed Technique



2. ...grasping the translucent yellow safety shield grip area with the thumb and index finger while at the same time grasping the tubing securely with the other 3 fingers.

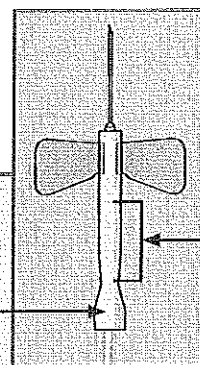


3. Advance translucent yellow safety shield forward with thumb and index finger until the needle is completely covered and a click is heard, indicating that the safety shield is locked in place over the needle tip.



4. Once the safety shield is completely advanced, dispose of the device in an approved sharps container.

translucent
yellow
safety
shield
grip area



Do not grasp
safety shield
by body;
this will
interfere
with
activation.

For more information about this and other specimen collection products, please contact us at:

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CAUTION:

Handle all biologic samples and blood collection "sharps" (lancets, needles, luer adapters, and blood collection sets) in accordance with the policies and procedures of your facility. Obtain appropriate medical attention in the event of any exposure to biologic samples (e.g., through a puncture injury) since samples may transmit viral hepatitis, HIV (AIDS), or other infectious diseases. Utilize any safety-engineered feature if the blood collection device provides one. Discard all blood collection "sharps" into biohazard containers approved for their disposal.



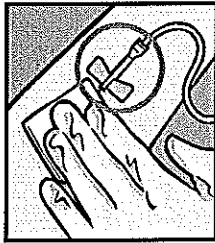
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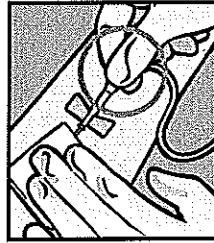
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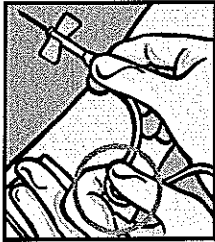
SAFETY SHIELD ACTIVATION



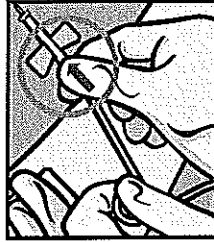
1 Upon completion of collection, apply light pressure to site using three fingers as shown



2 Withdraw blood collection set by grasping the translucent yellow safety shield grip area with the thumb and index finger



3 With the opposite hand, grasp tubing between thumb and index finger



4 Push the yellow shield forward until the safety shield is locked in place. Discard immediately into an approved sharps container



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Utilize a built-in needle protector, if the blood collection device provides one. BD does not recommend resheathing used needles, but the policies and procedures of your facility may differ and should always be followed.

Discard all blood collection sharps in biohazard containers approved for their disposal. Follow your institution's policy for safe disposal of all medical waste.