



2008 Study of Nurses' Views on Workplace Safety and Needlestick Injuries

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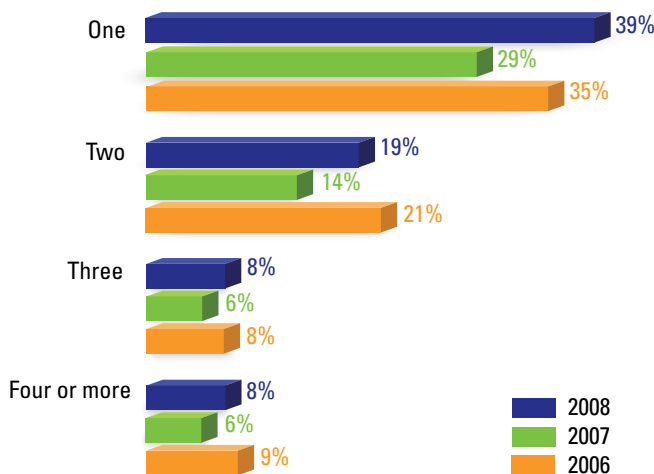


Summary

The 2008 Study of Nurses' Views on Workplace Safety and Needlestick Injuries seeks to capture opinions, concerns and experiences about workplace safety climate and needlestick injuries (NSIs). The independent research of more than 700 U.S. nurses, sponsored by the American Nurses Association (ANA) and Inviro Medical Devices, reveals NSIs and blood borne infections remain major concerns for nearly two-thirds (64%) of nurses. The majority of nurses (59%) believe their most recent NSI could have been prevented by improved safety syringe design, with 94% of nurses identifying specific design improvements.

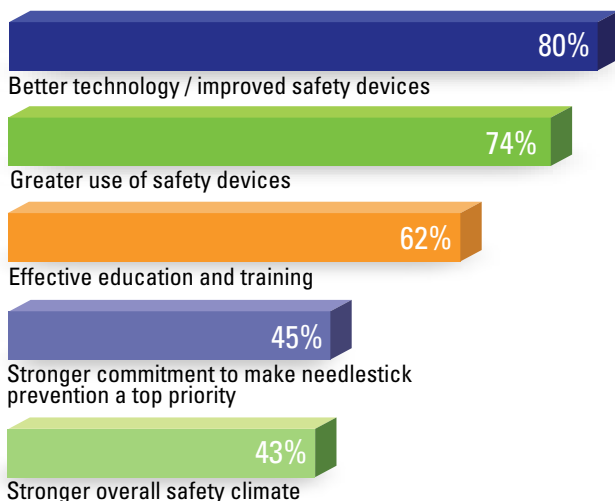
Needlestick Injuries

(64%) of U.S. nurses report being accidentally stuck by a needle while working, identical to findings in the 2006 Study of Needlestick Injuries and Safety Devices. A staggering 74% in 2008 report being stuck by a contaminated needle. Over the course of their career, nurses have experienced contaminated needlesticks:



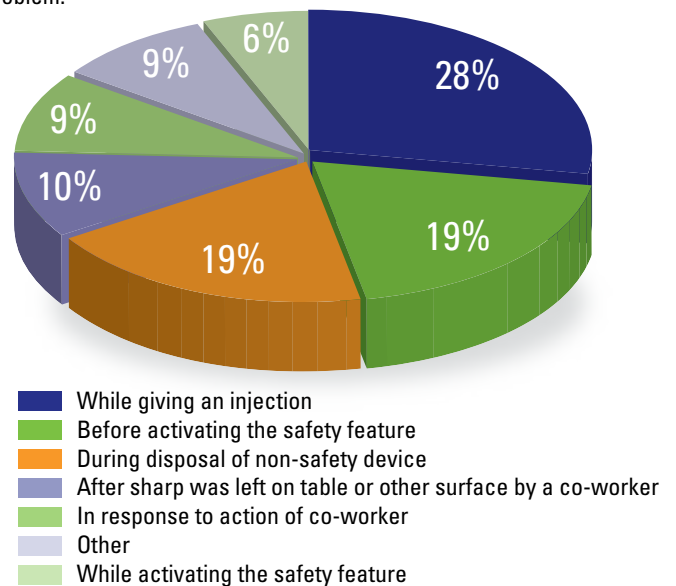
Needlestick Reduction – What Works?

74% of nurses nationwide say they would not consider working for an employer which does not provide safety syringes. Of nurses who report needlestick injuries are decreasing, they claim this is a result of better technology, safety devices and training.



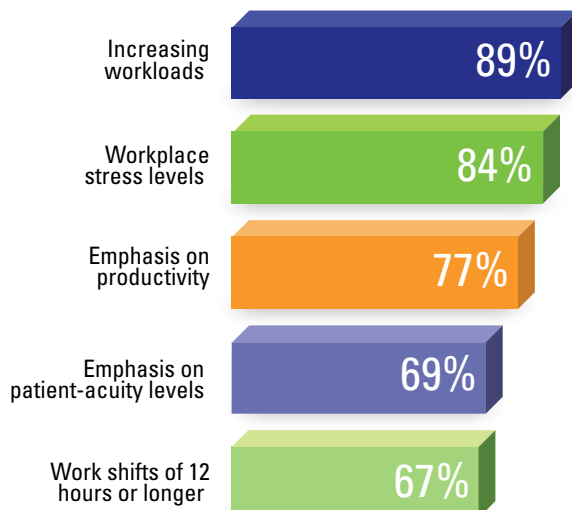
When Needlestick Injuries Occur

U.S. nurses detailed the event triggering their most recent needlestick injury. The three principal causes account for two-thirds (66%) of the problem:



Workplace Safety Climate

The majority of nurses (55%) nationwide say the safety climate of their workplace negatively impacts their personal safety, and 82% admit to putting patient care before their own personal safety. Nurses reveal the issues impacting their workplace safety climate:





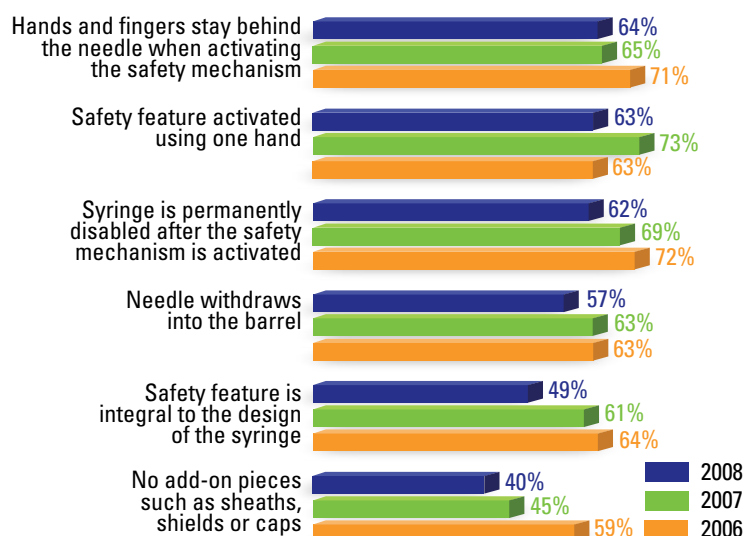
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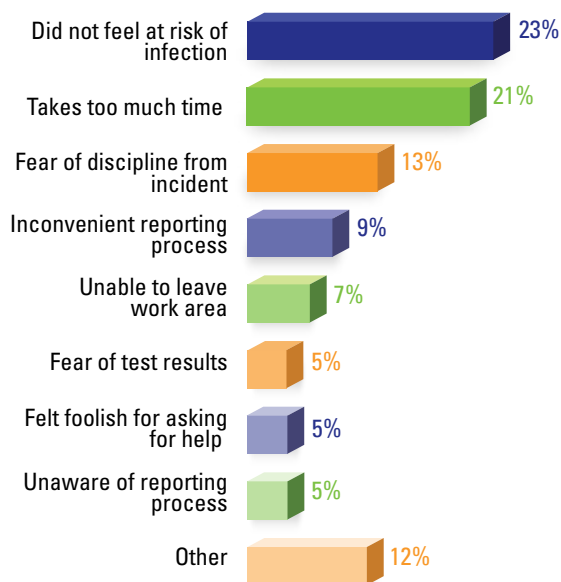
Safety Syringe Design Recommendations

In 2008, the majority of U.S. nurses (59%) believe that improved syringe design could have prevented their needlestick injury. The overwhelming majority of nurses (95%) say design improvements are needed for safety syringes, compared to 94% in 2007 and 96% in 2006. Nurses' recommendations for safety syringe design improvements remain consistent during the past three years:



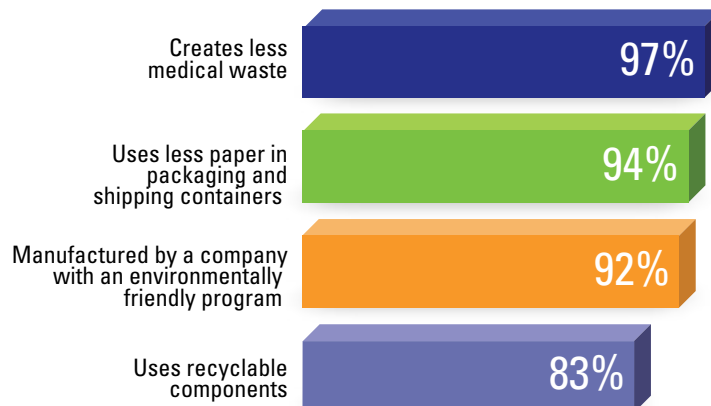
Reporting Needlestick Injuries

While the vast majority (86%) of nurses nationwide say their department strongly encourages and supports reporting of needlestick injuries (NSIs), nearly three-quarters (74%) of nurses say NSIs still are underreported. Nurses believe the reasons for underreporting include:



Going Green!

Nurses nationwide express a strong interest in using a safety syringe with environmental benefits. This includes a safety syringe that:



About Inviro Medical

Founded in 1988, Inviro Medical Devices engineers and markets safe medication delivery systems, including the patented InviroSNAP!® Safety Syringe with InviroSTRIFE®, an integral write-on stripe that allows critical information to be recorded directly onto the syringe barrel.

For three consecutive years, Inviro Medical has sponsored leading research on the subject of needlestick injuries, medication errors and workplace safety. Prior to the *2008 Study of Nurses' Views on Workplace Safety and Needlestick Injuries*, Inviro Medical sponsored the *2007 Study of Injectable Medication Errors* and *2006 Study of Needlestick Injuries and Safety Devices*.

To download this and other surveys, visit www.inviromedical.com.

About the Survey

Conducted in April, the *2008 Study of Nurses' Views on Workplace Safety and Needlestick Injuries* is based on an online, nationwide survey of nurses. Of the 706 participants, 32% of those surveyed have been a nurse one to five years; 12% for six to ten years; 8% for 11 to 15 years; and 48% for more than 15 years. 92% of respondents were female, and 8% were male. The survey's margin of error is plus or minus 3%. The research was conducted by Atlanta-based Arketi Group and sponsored by the American Nurses Association and Inviro Medical Devices. For more information, visit www.inviromedical.com.