



2006 Study of Needlestick Injuries and Safety Devices An Independent Study Sponsored by Inviro Medical

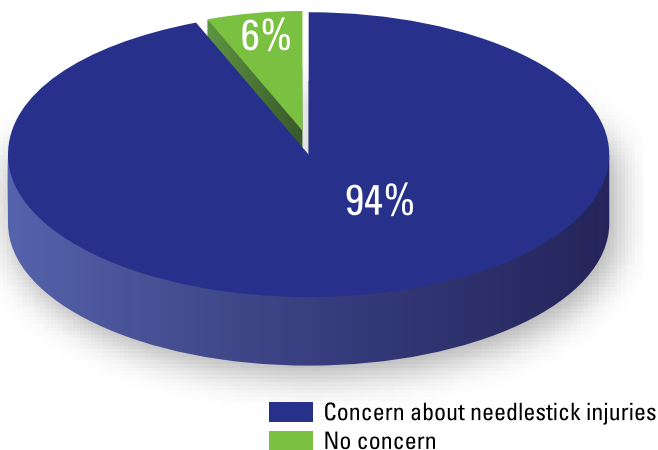
U.S. Directors of Infection Control

Summary

The 2006 Study of Needlestick Injuries and Safety Devices seeks to understand how U.S. directors of infection control and nurses feel about safety syringes and the concern over needlestick injuries. The independent study, sponsored by Inviro Medical, reveals that the overwhelming majority of directors of infection control nationwide, worry about accidental needlestick injuries and feel strongly that current safety syringe designs could be improved.

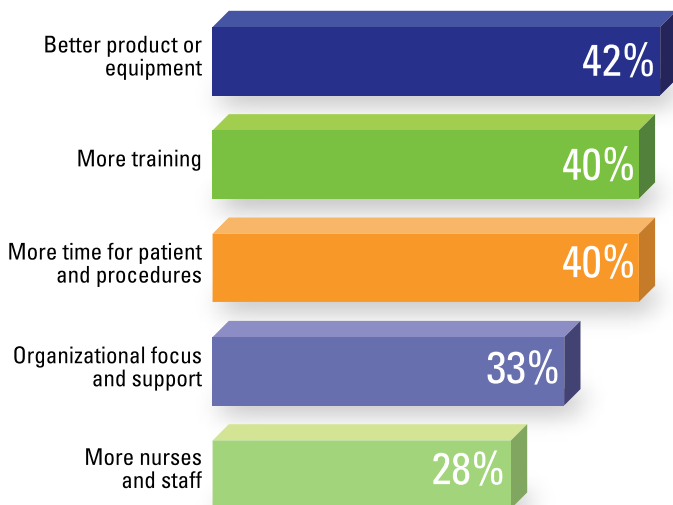
Tremendous concern over needlestick injuries

The overwhelming majority of U.S. directors of infection control surveyed say they worry about accidental needlestick injuries among clinicians. In fact, second only to back strains (44%), the occupational hazard directors are most concerned about is needlesticks (39%).



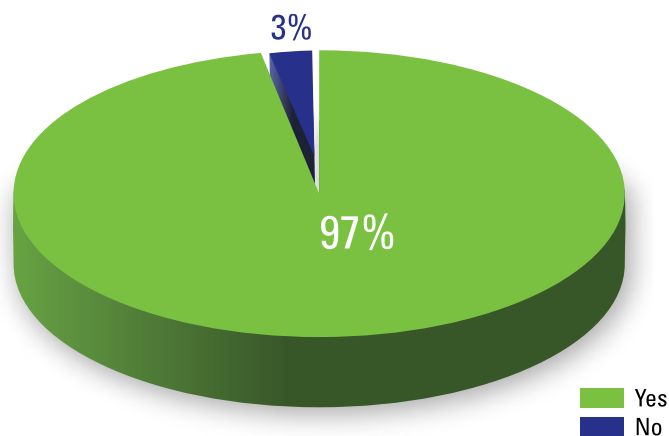
Significant hazard

82% of directors of infection control nationwide believe accidental needlestick injuries remain a significant, serious hazard. So, what can be done to protect healthcare workers from needlestick injuries?



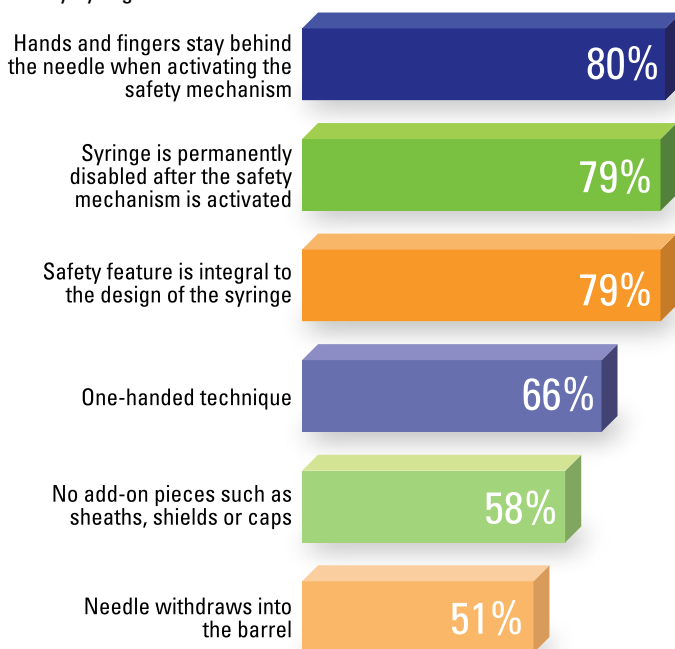
Definite room for improvement

When asked if there was room for improvement in the design of current safety syringes, directors of infection control across the board say...



Just say no to retro-fitted designs ...

70% of directors of infection control in the U.S. feel that safety syringes with retro-fitted designs are not the best way to design a safety syringe to protect clinicians. So, how would they improve the design of safety syringes?



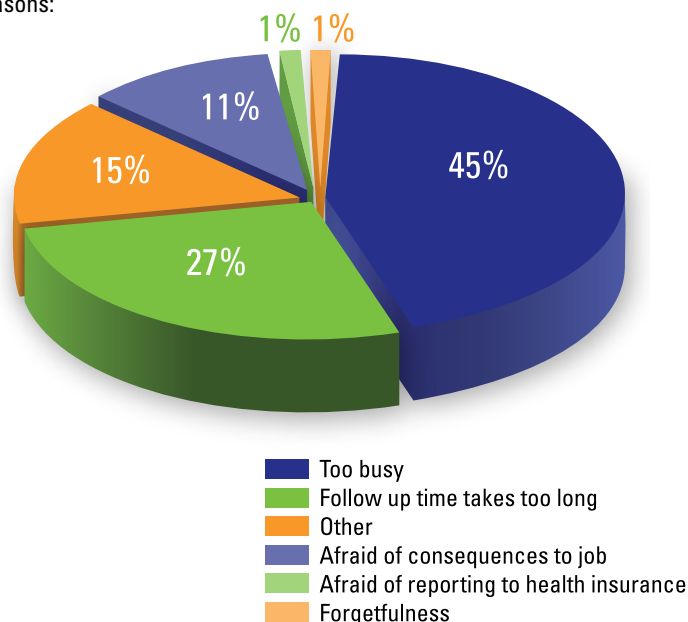


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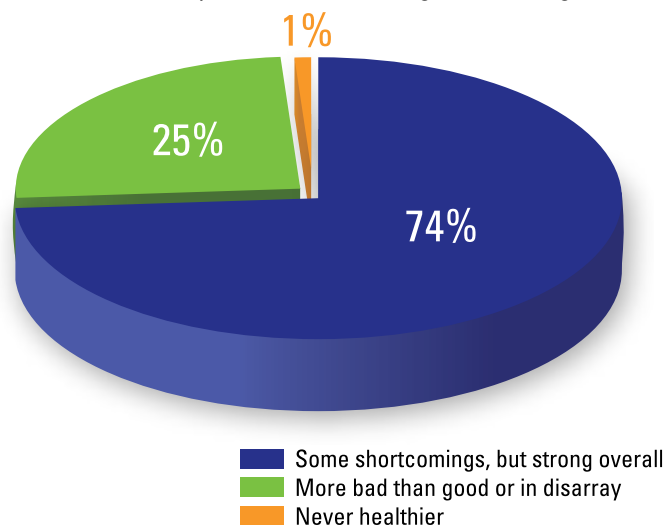
Underreporting of needlestick injuries

The **63%** of directors of infection control in the U.S. who say they believe needlestick injuries are underreported, gave the following reasons:



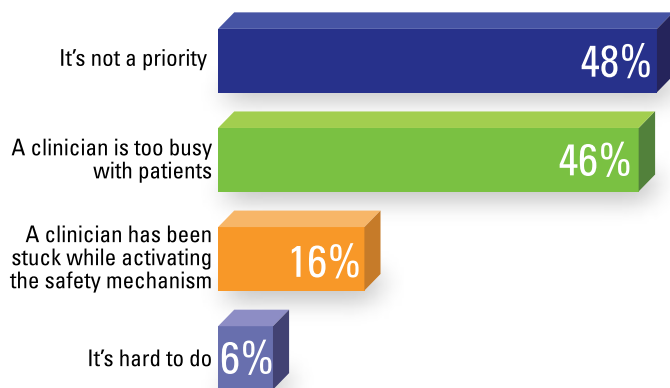
State of the healthcare industry

The majority of directors of infection control nationwide say the state of the healthcare industry has some shortcomings, but is strong overall.



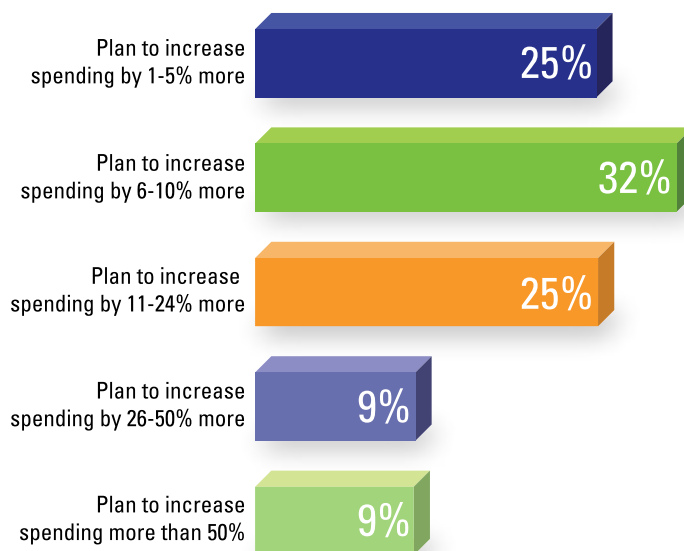
Consistent use of safety mechanism questioned

Three out of 10 U.S. directors of infection control believe clinicians do not always engage the needlestick safety mechanism. When asked why they believe nurses fail to activate safety mechanisms, they state...



Infection control spending set to increase

Nearly two out of three (**63%**) directors of infection control in the U.S. say they planned to increase spending on infection control during 2006. Of those:



About the survey

Conducted in May, the 2006 Study of Needlestick Injuries and Safety Devices is based on an online, nationwide survey of U.S. directors of infection control and nurses. Of the 147 directors of infection control participants, 35% of those surveyed have been a director of infection control less than five years; 34% for five to ten years; 11% for 11 to 15 years; and 22% for more than 15 years. 80% of those surveyed have credentials as an RN, 39% have other medical credentials and 19% have a masters degree. 95% of respondents were female, and 5% were male. The survey's margin of error is plus or minus 5%. The research was conducted by Atlanta-based Arketi Group and sponsored by Inviro Medical. For more information, visit www.inviromedical.com