



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

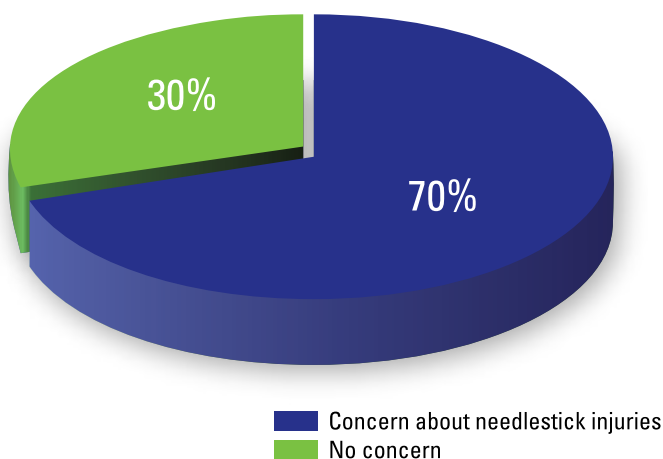
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Summary

The 2006 Study of Needlestick Injuries and Safety Devices seeks to understand how U.S. nurses and directors of infection control feel about safety syringes and the concern over needlestick injuries. The independent study, sponsored by Inviro Medical, reveals a staggering number of nurses nationwide have been stuck by a contaminated needle and feel strongly that current safety syringe designs could be improved.

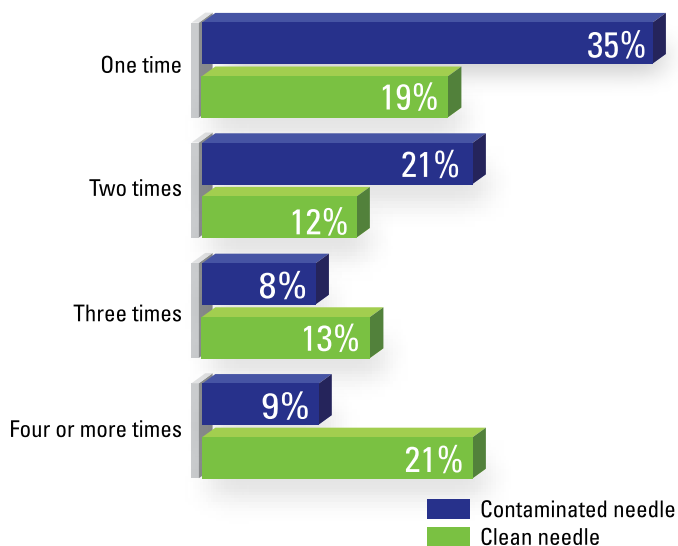
Concern about needlestick injuries

70% of U.S. nurses surveyed said they worry about accidental needlestick injuries in their typical workday. Other concerns include back strains, splashes and falls.



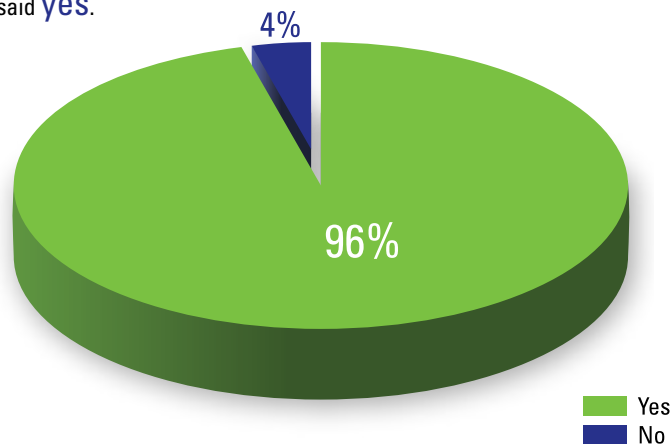
Nearly half of all nurses stuck by contaminated needle

The majority of U.S. nurses (64%) report being accidentally stuck by a needle while working. Nearly half (47%) of all nurses report being stuck by a contaminated needle. Of the nurses reporting needlestick injuries, some were stuck multiple times by both contaminated and clean needles...



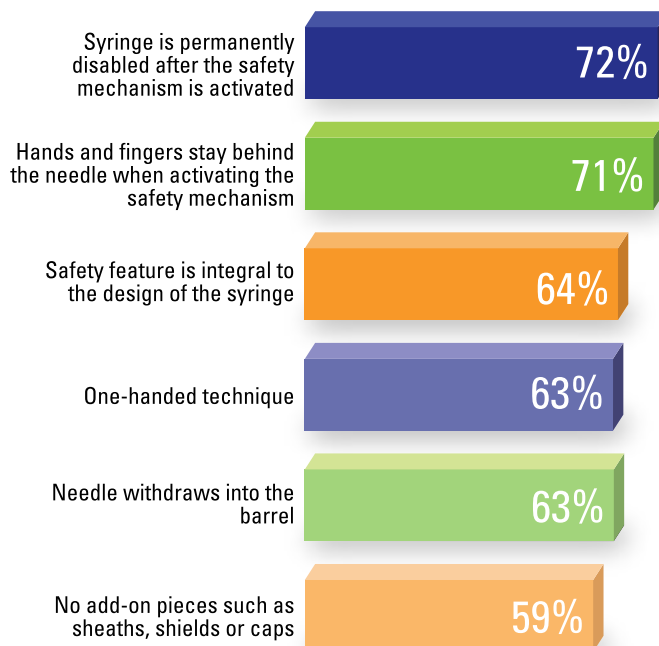
Safety syringe design leaves something to be desired

When asked if there was room for improvement in the design of current safety syringes, the overwhelming majority of U.S. nurses surveyed said **yes**.



Retro-fitted designs are not the way to go

65% of nurses nationally felt safety syringes with retro-fitted designs were not the best way to design a safety syringe. How would nurses improve the design of safety syringes?



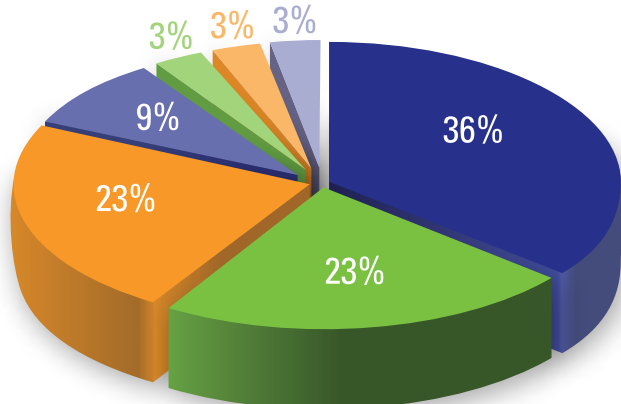


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Widespread belief that needlestick injuries are underreported

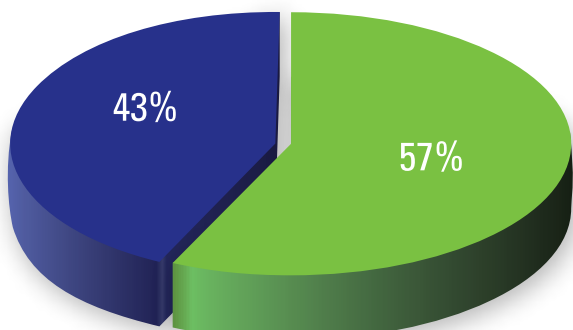
Of the **86%** of nurses surveyed nationwide who believe needlestick injuries are underreported, several reasons were cited:



- Too busy
- Follow up time takes too long
- Afraid of consequences to job
- Other
- Afraid of reporting to health insurance
- Forgetfulness
- Don't know that needlestick injuries should be reported

Nurses influence on needle selection

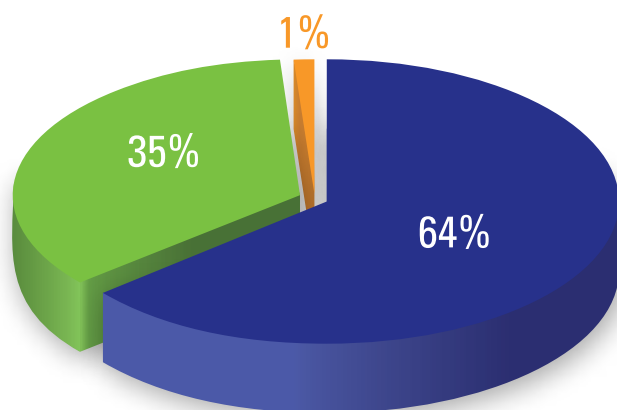
The majority of nurses (**57%**) said their facility conducts yearly evaluations of safety syringes to determine the most effective safety syringe at their facility. When asked if they are able to influence selection of sharp safety devices used at their facility, the majority of nurses nationwide said **NO**...



- Did not feel they are able to influence selection
- Feel they are able to influence selection

How healthy is U.S. healthcare?

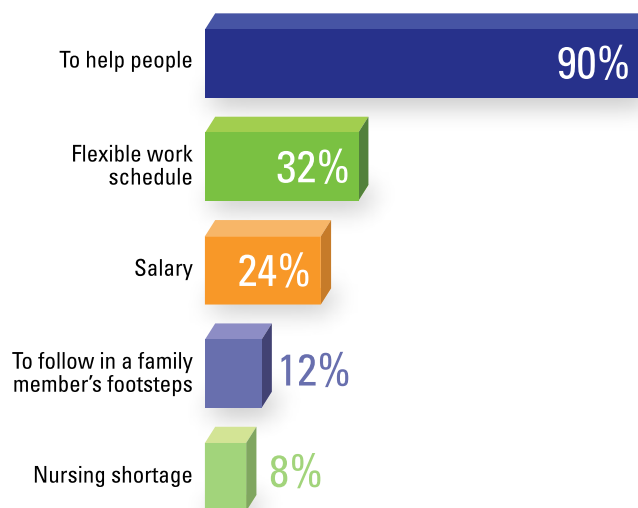
More U.S. nurses are bullish than not on the state of U.S. healthcare, but the numbers show room for improvement.



- Some shortcomings, but strong overall
- More bad than good or in disarray
- Never healthier

Desire to help others

While nearly a quarter (**24%**) of nurses nationwide have considered leaving their profession, overall **54%** of the nurses surveyed are satisfied in their career and **34%** said they are very satisfied. This study reveals there are many reasons nurses enter the profession but helping others is clearly the strongest motivation.



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. nurses and directors of infection control. Of the 188 nurse participants, 14% percent of those surveyed have been a nurse less than five years; 23% have been nurses for five to ten years; 12% have been nurses for 11 to 15 years; and 51% have been nurses for more than 15 years. 91% of the nurses surveyed have credentials as an RN, 14% of those surveyed have a masters degree, seven percent have credentials as an LPN, two percent NP and 33% said "other." 89% of respondents were female and 15% 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.