

APPENDIX I

MSU Environmental Health and Safety

Safer Sharps Device Evaluation Form

Department/Clinic: _____ Date: _____

Name of Device: _____

Name of Manufacturer: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____ **Job Title:** _____

Number of times used to evaluate: _____

Keep this form with your departmental records.

Please circle the most appropriate answer for each question. A rating of one (1) indicates the highest level of agreement with the statement, five (5) the lowest. Not applicable (N/A) may be used if the question does not apply to this product.

Please explain all problems with the device in the comments section.	Agree....Disagree
1. The safety feature can be activated using a one-handed technique.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
2. The user's hands remain behind the needle/sharp until activation of the safety mechanism is complete.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
3. The safety feature does not interfere with normal use of this product.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
4. Use of this product requires you to use the safety feature.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
5. A clear and unmistakable change (either audible or visible) occurs when the safety feature is activated.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
6. The device is easy to handle while wearing gloves.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
7. The device is easy to handle when wet.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
8. This device does not require more time to use than a non-safety device.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
9. The safety feature operates reliably.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
10. The exposed sharp is blunted or covered after use and prior to disposal.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
11. The safety feature works well with a wide variety of hand sizes and with a left-handed person as easily as with a right-handed person.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A

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Agree....Disagree

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| 12. Use of this product does not increase the number of sticks to the patient. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |
| 13. Sterilization (if applicable) of this device is as easy as a standard device. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |
| 14. The product stops the flow of blood after the needle is removed from the catheter (or after the butterfly is inserted) and just prior to line connections or hep-lock capping. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |
| 15. The product does not require extensive training to be operated correctly. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |
| 16. The device can be used without causing more patient discomfort than a conventional device. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |

Additional questions for I.V. Connectors:

Agree....Disagree

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| 17. Use of this connector eliminates the need for exposed needles in connections. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |
| 18. The safety feature allows you to collect blood directly into a vacuum tube, eliminating the need for needles. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |
| 19. The connector can be secured (locked) to Y-sites, hep-locks, and central lines. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |

Additional questions for Vacuum Tube Blood Collection Systems:

Agree....Disagree

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| 20. The safety feature works with a butterfly. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |
| 21. The inner vacuum tube needle (rubber sleeved needle) does not present a danger of exposure. | 1 2 3 4 5 | N/A |

Please rate the quality of the in-service training: Exc. Good Fair Poor

Would you recommend using this device? Yes No

Comments: _____

