

Supplementary Appendix

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1. PGY equivalent: 1 2 3 4 5 Sex: M / F
2. How many needle sticks have you sustained as an intern? _____
 as a resident? _____
 as a medical student? _____
3. Have you ever had a needle stick involving a “high-risk” patient? Y / N
 (“high-risk” defined as history of HIV, hepatitis B or C, or IV drug use)
4. Was your most recent needle stick involving a “high-risk” patient? Y / N
5. Was your most recent needle stick? (*circle one*): Self-induced / By someone else
 (*circle one*): With a hollow-bore needle / Solid needle
 (*circle one*): In the OR / At the bedside / Other _____
 (*circle one*): While passing a needle / “Loading” a needle / Suturing / Recapping a needle / Cleaning-up / Other: _____
- A. In your opinion, what was the cause of your recent needle stick? (*circle all that apply*):
- Lack of assistance
 - Lack of skill set required
 - Fatigue
 - Rushed
 - Could not have been prevented
- B. Was your most recent needle stick reported to employee health? Y / N
- If NOT, what was the reason? (*circle all that apply*):
- It takes too much time
 - There is no utility in reporting it
 - The associated stigmata of having performed a technical error
 - I didn’t want to know the result
 - Other:
- C. Did anyone else know about your needle stick? Y / N
- If YES, was it? (*circle all that apply*):
- A resident
 - An attending
 - A nurse
 - A medical student
 - A significant other
 - Other:
6. Which blood-born pathogen do you fear the most? Hep B / Hep C / HIV
the least? Hep B / Hep C / HIV