



Safety Alert

Insulin-Pen Needle Stick Injury

"Sharing Lessons Learned"

Several needle stick injuries have been reported in the Hospital's Quality Information System (QIS), Safety Reporting System (SRS). These injuries have been associated with the risk, in which staff remove the needle from insulin pens, **WITHOUT** using the safe removal device.



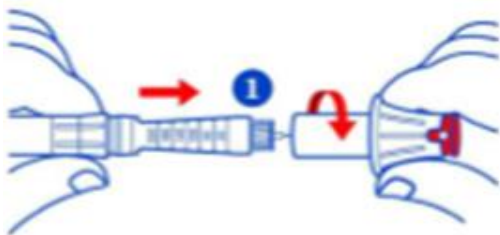
Please be reminded to use the safe removal device, while removing the needle from an insulin pen, to ensure safe removal.

What is a safe removal device?

It is a quick and easy way to remove and dispose of insulin pen needles, while protecting yourself against the risk of an accidental puncture.

How to use it?

- Insert the needle inside the extraction device.
- Turn anti-clockwise to remove it from the pen.
- Press the red end of the device to eject the needle into the sharps container.



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