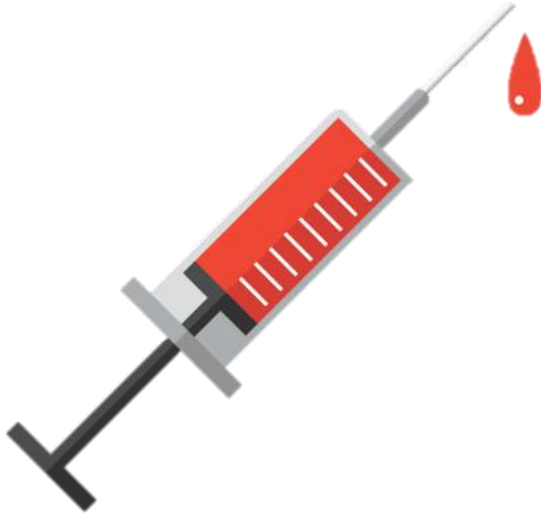




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**Promote Culture of Safety
to Prevent Sharps Injuries**

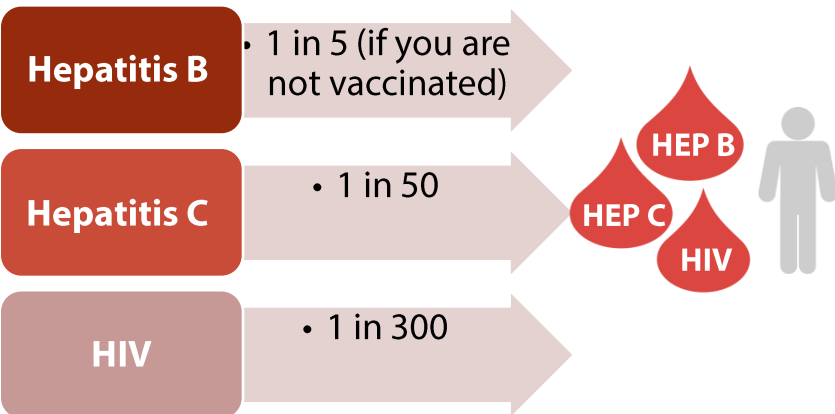
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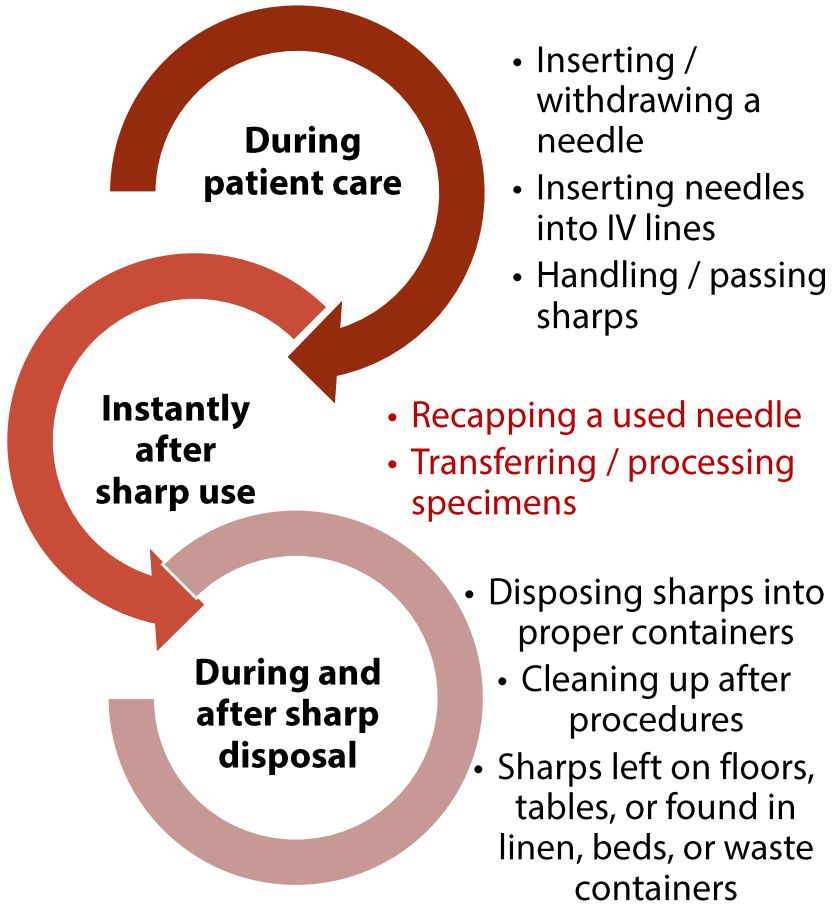
Are serious hazard in any health care settings

Contact with **contaminated needle**, scalpels, broken glass and other sharps may expose **health care workers** to **blood/body fluids** that contain **blood borne pathogens** which may put your life in danger.

What are your chances of infection from a contaminated sharps injury?



What/when are high risk situations?



How do I prevent myself from sharp injuries?



Organize your work area with appropriate **sharps disposal container** within reach

Work in well-lit areas

Receive training on how to use sharps safety devices

Keep the exposed sharp in view

Before handling sharps, assess any hazards – get help if needed

How do I prevent myself from sharp injuries?



Avoid hand passing sharps and use verbal alerts when moving sharps

Be aware of people around you

Watch for sharps in linen, beds, on the floor, or in waste containers

Stop if you feel rushed or distracted

Close and change sharp container when 2/3 full and between used close the lid

How do I manage needle stick, sharp Injury & Body Fluid Exposure?



In case of an Injury with a used needle or other sharp or if blood/body fluid splashed into mouth, eyes or onto broken skin, carry out the following :




Needle prick/cuts/bites/scratches

Wash thoroughly with soap and water

Cover with a waterproof dressing

Splashes to mouth/eyes/broken skin

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of running water

- 1) **Inform** your manager immediately.
- 2) **Identify** the patient you exposed to his/her sharp item or body fluid then send blood sample for Serology under Needle stick Injury tab in the cortex.
- 3) **Fill up** the Needle stick/Sharp/Body fluid **exposure E-form** (available in the Intranet→ E-form #108 Occupational Hazard Needle Puncture and Sharp Instruments Injuries among Employees) 
- 4) **Go to Employee Health Department** **immediately** during working hours (0730h-1630h) or to main Emergency Department during weekend & after working hours (1630h-0730h).
- 5) **Complete** the event reporting form (**DATIX**)

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