The Professional Combination

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Remove scalpel blades in a "click"

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard compliant

QLICKSMART®
...and be safe

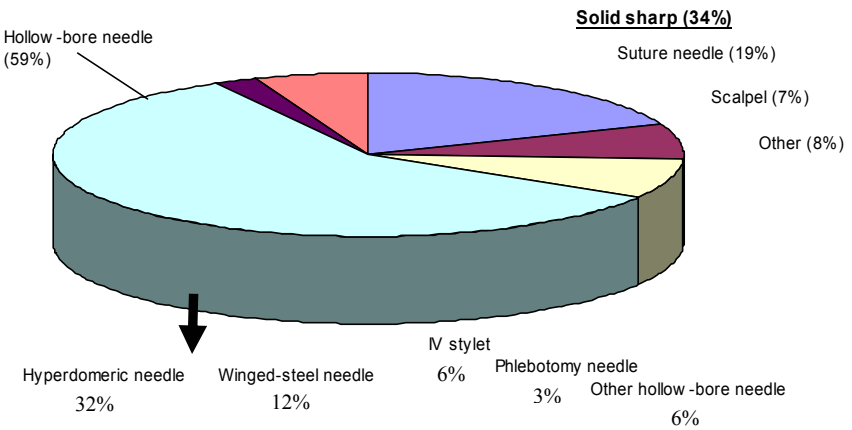
"There has to be a better way"

- This statement addressed by a scrub nurse was the catalyst to the invention of the Qlicksmart, the world's first single-handed scalpel blade removal, containment and disposal system

Why do we need a better way?

- Recent emphasis on sharps safety practices required by regulatory bodies and legislation calls for changes to the way we operate
- The need to improve sharps safety practices is highlighted by startling statistics gathered from recent studies in the US
- Healthcare workers in the United States report between 600,000 and 1 million sharps injuries per year (1)
- It has been estimated that over 70% of sharps injuries go unreported (1)
- Approximately 2% of the reported sharps injuries in the United States annually are likely to be contaminated with HIV (1)
- 41% of injuries occur after use and prior to disposal of a sharp device (3)
- Scalpel blade injuries are in the top five common type of sharps injury and second only to needle-stick (2), (3)
- 7-11% of sharps injuries are caused by scalpel blades (2), (3)
- Scalpel blade injuries are more severe than injuries from suture needles (2)
- Cost of treatment of these injuries ranges between US$600 and US$4000 per incident (not including cost of microsurgery, rehabilitation and litigation) (4)

Devices Involved in Percutaneous Injuries



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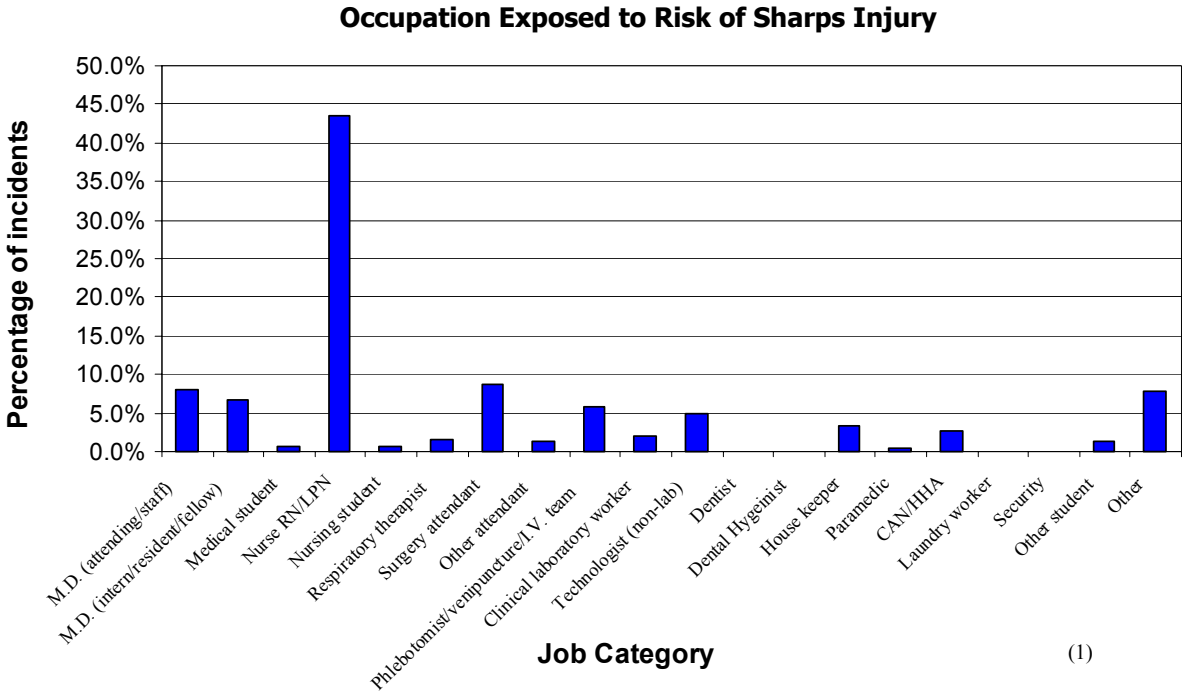
Who is at Risk?

- According to EPINet Report: 2001 Percutaneous Injury Rates, nurses are most at risk (43.6%) of sustaining sharps injury (1)

Uniform Needlestick and Sharp-Object Injury Report
U.S. EPInet Network, 2001, 58 Healthcare facilities*
Total cases = 1,929 (excluding injuries before use); total avg daily census = 8,703(*13 teaching/45 nonteaching hospitals)



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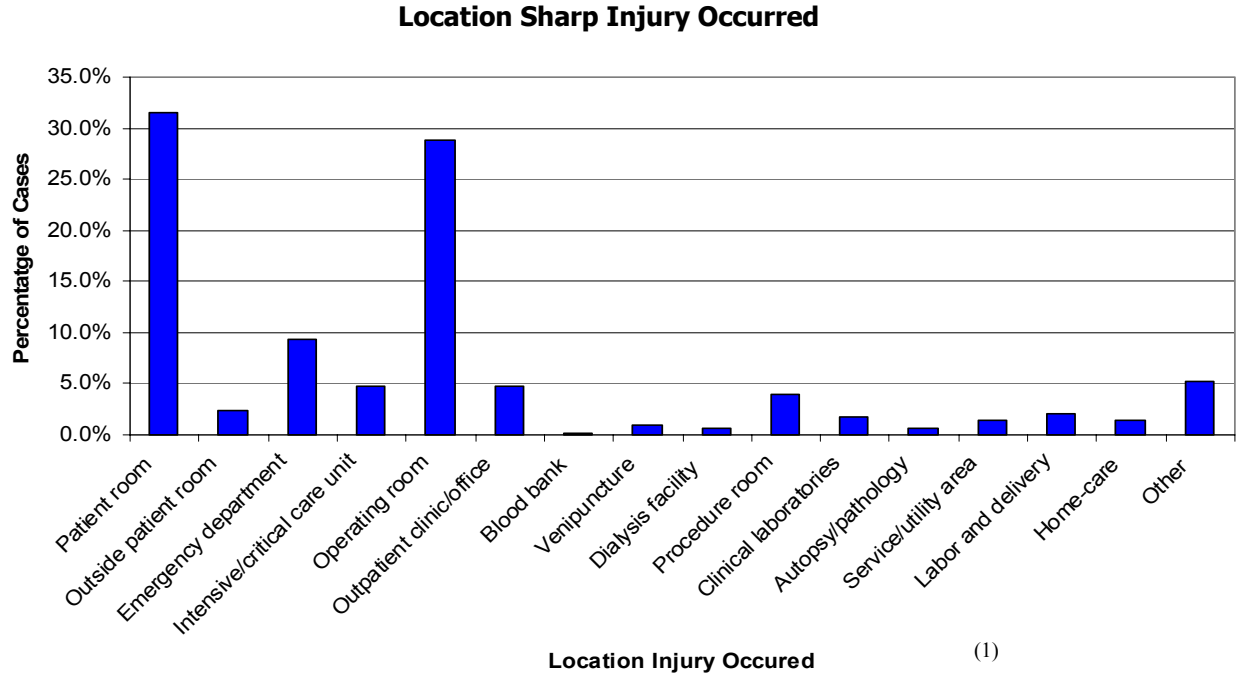
- Results from this study indicate that patient and operating rooms appear to be where the majority of sharps injuries are sustained, reporting 31.5% and 28.8% of incidents respectively (1)



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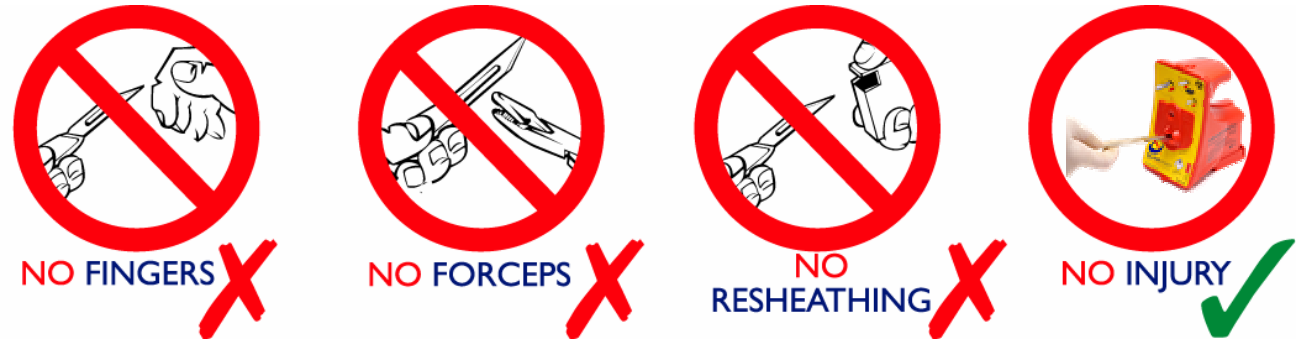
How Qlicksmart is the Better Way

- Qlicksmart has developed a revolutionary sharps safety device that fully complies to safety standard regulations and legislation
- Qlicksmart is a safe and convenient alternative to current scalpel blade removal methods
- The device is designed with suitability to the scrub nurse's environment in mind
- Specifically designed to be easily implemented into your every day routine
- Use of the device will not slow you down or interfere with your work
- Works first time, every time
- Our Standards in Practice

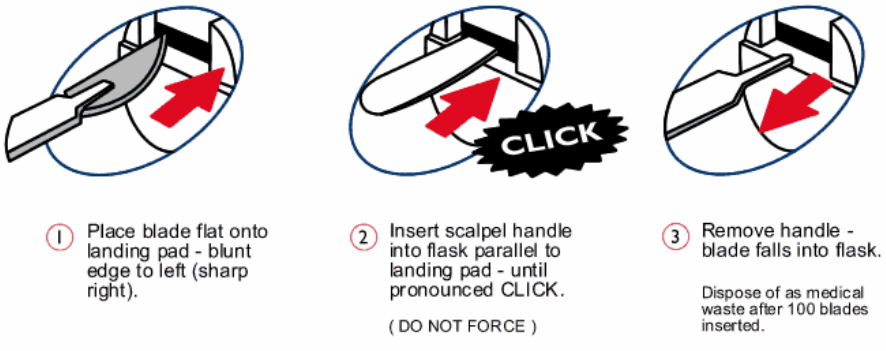


Prevention when there is no cure

The Qlicksmart Method

Scalpel Blade

- Removal
- Containment
- Disposal



Qlicksmart Superior Design

Safe, Quick and Easy to Use

- Single-handed use keeping hands out of harms way
- Self-contained waste disposal system
- Use with blades from handles #3, 4, 5, 7 and 9
- Blade fully contained upon removal, eliminating injuries to downstream staff
- Sealed, spill-proof, puncture resistant container eliminates the concern of contamination

Reliable

- Shut-off mechanism (when full) eliminates jamming or mechanism failure due to overfilling
- 100 blade capacity, each device, every time
- Sturdy container, will not break or spill contents
- The device is manufactured using puncture-resistant materials, ABS (Acrylonitrile Butadeine Styrene), also environmentally friendly
- New stronger stainless steel mechanism inside
- Manufactured to exacting quality control standards – ISO9002 and ISO9000

Universal Bracket

- The Qlicksmart blade removal system is secured by a reusable bracket, which means you do not have to hold or brace the device when in use
- The bracket enables the Qlicksmart system to be positioned at point of use (wall, bench or trolley mounted), making it easily accessible

An Engineered Sharps Injury Prevention Device

Compliance Made Easy

Regulatory Compliance

US

- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard "1910.1030"
- FDA Cleared

Australia

- Australian/New Zealand Standard™ "AS/NZS 3825:1998"

UK

- British Standard BS7320:1990

UN Transport

- UN Transport UN3921

Europe

- CE Compliant

Excellence in Customer Service

Technical Support

- Staffed by well trained representatives
- All requests replied to within 24 hours

Sales Representative Support

- Well trained experienced staff will deliver in-service training on request
- Product information

Website

- More information available for download (www.qlicksmart.com)
- In-service training videos available for download
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