President Clinton signed the ground-breaking Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act into law on November 6, 2000. Ten years later, it is time to assess its far-reaching impact, identify remaining gaps in sharps safety technology, and chart a future path that is global in scale. What will the global sharps safety and medical device market look like in another ten years? How will these changes benefit those in the poorest countries around the world—and the healthcare workers who are most at risk of infection from bloodborne pathogens?

The conference will be held at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, located in the historic downtown district a few blocks from the University of Virginia and five miles from Thomas Jefferson’s home, Monticello.

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**Highlights**
- Keynote address by John Howard, MD, MPH - Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health/CDC
- Speakers include Janine Jagger, Elise Handelman, Ramon Berguer, Lisa Black, Gina Pugliese, Susan Wilburn
- Sessions on gaps in safety-engineered devices, surgical sharps safety, challenges of effective OSHA enforcement, and advancing healthcare worker safety in developing countries.

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**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**Thursday, November 4**
6:00-8:00 pm: Opening reception, Colonnade Club on The Lawn, University of Virginia (free transportation from Omni provided)

**Friday, November 5: MAPPING PROGRESS (all sessions at the Omni Hotel)**

7:00 am Exhibit Hall opens (open all day)
7:00-7:50 am - Continental breakfast available in Exhibit Hall

**8:00-8:15 am: Welcoming Remarks—Janine Jagger, MPH, PhD** (Director, International Healthcare Worker Safety Center, University of Virginia)

**Session 1/8:15-8:45 am: Keynote Address—John Howard, MD, MPH** (Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

**Session 2/8:45-9:15 am: Protecting Healthcare Workers from Occupational Infection—A Personal View**
Introduction: Mary E. Foley, MS, RN (Associate Director, Center for Nursing Research & Innovation, School of Nursing, UC San Francisco; Past President, American Nurses Association, 2000-2002)
Speaker: Lisa Black, PhD, RN, CNE (Assistant Professor, Orvis School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Reno)

**Session 3/9:15-10:00 am: Progress in Reducing Needlesticks and Healthcare Worker Injury Risk and the Impact of the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act**
Janine Jagger, MPH, PhD, and Elayne Kornblatt Phillips, RN, MPH, PhD (International Healthcare Worker Safety Center, UVa)

**Session 4/10:00-10:45 am: OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens Standard: Challenges of Effective Enforcement**
Session chair: Elise Handelman, RN, Med, COHN-S (Former Director, Office of Occupational Health Nursing, Occupational Safety and Health Administration). Panelists: Jordan Barab (Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health); Katherine Cox, Med, MPH (Director, Health and Safety Program, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees); Dionne Williams, MPH (Senior Industrial Hygienist, Office of Health Enforcement, Directorate of Enforcement Programs, OSHA).

10:45- 11:00 am - Break

**Session 5/11:00am -11:45 pm: Gaps in Safety-Engineered Medical Devices—Improving Uptake, Seeking Innovation**
Session chair: June Fisher, MD (Director, Training for Development of Innovative Control Technologies Project, San Francisco). Panelists: Bruce E. Cunha, RN, MS, COHN-S (Manager, Employee Health and Safety, Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, Wisconsin); Cathie Gosnell, RN, MS, MBA (Clinical Consultant, Premier Safety Institute); Angela K. Laramie, MPH (Project Coordinator/Epidemiologist, Massachusetts Sharps Injury Surveillance Program, Massachusetts Department of Health).

**Session 6/11:45-12:30 pm: Safety-Engineered Sharp Devices in the Marketplace: Continuous Quality Improvement?**
Moderator, Gina Pugliese, MS, RN (Vice President, Premier Safety Institute). Short presentation of U.S. market data for sharps safety devices, followed by moderated audience discussion in which representatives from the medical device industry, healthcare organizations, and professional associations can assess and reflect on the current state of the safety device market in the U.S. What are the factors that determine whether or not devices get into the market? Does the market as it is currently structured encourage or discourage innovation? Does non-activation of safety-engineered devices continue to be an important issue, and if so, what are the best ways to address it?

12:30-1.30 pm — Lunch

**Session 7/1:30-3:30 pm: Improving Sharps Safety in Surgery—Strategies for Success**
Session chair: Ramon Berguer, MD, FACS (Chief of Surgery, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center; Clinical Professor of Surgery, UC Davis School of Medicine). Panelists: Mark Davis, MD, FACOG (Surgical Safety Consultant); Brett Sarnoff (Product Director, Ethicon, Inc.); Ahmed Gomaa, MD, ScD, MSPH (Medical Officer, Division of Surveillance Hazard Evaluation and Health Studies, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC); Charlotte L. Guglielmi, RN, BSN, MA, CNOR (President, AORN-Association of periOperative Registered Nurses).

3:30 - 3:45 pm - Break

**Session 8/3:45-4:45 pm: Sharps Injury Surveillance: Past, Present, Future**
Speakers: Ahmed E. Gomaa, MD, ScD, MSPH (NIOSH/CDC); Joseph J. Fanucchi, MD, FACOEM (President, MediTrax/Occupational Health Systems, Inc., Alamo, CA); Tara MacCannell, PhD (Healthcare Epidemiologist, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention); Ginger Parker, MBA (EPINet Program Coordinator, International Healthcare Worker Safety Center, UVa).
Saturday, November 6: CHARTING A FUTURE PATH (all sessions at the Omni Hotel)

7:00 am-9:00 am: Exhibit Hall open (continental breakfast available 7:00-8:30 am)

9:00-9:15 am: Introduction to Day 2—Janine Jagger
Video presentation—Gary Cohen (Executive Vice President, BD)

Session 1/9:15-10:00 am: Advancing the Sharps Safety Agenda in Developing and Transitional Countries—Critical Issues
Session chair: Renuka Gadde (Senior Director, Global Health, BD). Panelists: María Sofía Lioce-Mata, MD, MPH (Assistant Coordinator and Medical Advisor, Global Collaborations Program, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC); Linus Ndughe, MPHE, HCS (Infection Control Manager, Global Disease Detection, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Kenya); Sanjeev K. Singh, MD (Senior Medical Administrator, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Kochi, India); Susan Wilburn, RN, MPH (Technical Officer, Occupational and Environmental Health, World Health Organization).

Session 2/10:00-10:45 am: Sharps Safety in the European Union
Speaker: Gabriella De Carli, MD (Senior Researcher in Epidemiology and Occupational Infectious Diseases, National Institute for Infectious Diseases “L. Spallanzani”, Rome, Italy)

10:45-11:00 am: Break

Session 3/11:00 am -11:50 am: Taking Sharps Safety Global—Industry Perspectives on Opportunities and Challenges
Session chair: Tom Sutton (Vice President, B. Braun Medical). Panelists: Lynn C. Hadaway, MEd, RN (President, Lynn Hadaway Associates, Inc.); Andrew Rose (Vice President, Global Marketing/Safety Solutions, Smiths Medical); Thilo Rubart, MD (Director of Market Management, IV Administration and Access, B. Braun Europe)

Session 4/12:00 –1:30 pm: Brainstorming lunch and discussion
Discussion leaders: Tom Sutton, Amber Mitchell
- Formulate five critical policy issues in advancing sharps safety worldwide
- Formulate five ways to move forward in improving healthcare worker sharps injury protection worldwide
- Form a Global Sharps Safety e-discussion group (IHWSC to moderate), to continue the flow of ideas and monitor progress

1:30-1:45 pm: Janine Jagger—Closing Remarks

3:00 pm—Bus departs for tour of Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson (must preregister; cost - $20; limit 30 people)

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