Injection Standard Work

In an effort to decrease needle sticks during injection, the Team Member Injury Coalition reviewed data from UVA employee injuries. Collaborating with a multidisciplinary team, this standard work was developed and tested. Key aspects are noted.

Start

Supply Selection: Right Supply For Right Procedure

Position Self and Patient For Safety

Explain to patient

Select Site Ideal?

Yes

Stabilize Site with non-dominant hand

Inject

Remove Needle

Activate Safety Shield

Remove Stabilizing Hand

Dispose in sharps container

End

No

Remove obstacles, Position self and patient for safety

Increased needle sticks occurred when non-ideal site was used.

Supply selection played a key role; when possible, use a non-fixed needle syringe

Real time problem solving showed increased needle sticks when removing both hands; Recommend activating the safety device prior to removing stabilizing hand