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Needlestick & Sharps Injuries

- 12 hour shifts linked to more nurse errors
- Syringe found outside preschool

Safer sharps to prevent needlestick injury are a necessity
Nurses must assert their right to use safer sharps, according to the co-author of research showing many trusts are still failing to comply with regulations.  
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Volunteers helping to pick up used needles in parks, neighborhoods

TACOMA -- It's a dirty reality in many neighborhoods -- used needles on sidewalks and in parks. Some parts of Seattle are so bad that some residents in north Seattle are attending classes to learn how to safely dispose of syringes.  
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SampLok Adapter Cap
One product that is used to fill blood culture bottles with blood sample is the SampLok® Adapter Cap from

IN THE NEWS

THESE SURGERY MISHAPS WILL MAKE YOU NEVER WANT TO GO UNDER THE KNIFE AGAIN
A testicle removed instead of a cyst, diabetic patients not being given insulin and scalpels being left inside patients' bodies are some of the shocking cases that more than 1,000 patients have suffered in hospitals, an investigation has found. The "never events" - mistakes so serious they should never happen - include a woman having her fallopian tubes removed instead of her appendix and a patient having a biopsy taken from their liver instead of their pancreas.  
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HEALTHCARE WORKER WHO PUT 8,000 PATIENTS AT RISK OF HEPATITIS C IS NAMED AS A SURGEON WHO CAUGHT THE VIRUS DURING AN OPERATION AND DIED FROM IT IN 2012
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ITL Corporation. It is a versatile device for safe blood sample collection and sample transfer into blood culture bottles and test tubes. With an integrated safety lid, the SampLok Adapter Cap provides safety to healthcare workers by reducing the risk of needle stick injury. The SampLok Adapter Cap’s flexible design allows sampling with a variety of culture bottles and vacuum test tubes. Please click here to view white paper on the SampLoc Adapter Cap.

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SMART SYRINGES MARKET COULD REACH $7.6B BY 2020
Global sales of smart syringes is projected to grow at a CAGR of 9.6% during 2015 to 2020, according to a recent Allied Market Research report. In addition, it said the active safety syringes segment accounted for two-thirds of the market revenue in 2015, and would remain dominant throughout the analysis period. More >

VACUETTE® VISIO PLUS BLOOD COLLECTION NEEDLE

The VACUETTE® VISIO PLUS Blood Collection Needle with optical venipuncture control is a great help for phlebotomy personnel. The latest innovation from Greiner Bio-One at last brings vision to blood collection. When venipuncture has been carried out successfully, blood flow is visible in the view window in the transparent plastic hub of the needle.

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HIV

Zero New HIV/AIDS Cases Must Be San Diego’s Health Goal
Ending HIV: A Missing Piece in the Health-Care Debate
WHO, Phnom Penh: No Regional HIV Outbreak
Study: Women need more Truvada than men to prevent HIV infection
New Study Shows HIV Structure in Unprecedented Detail
Microsoft Research scientist David Heckerman on how we could attack HIV like spam

Hospital warns patients of possible HIV, hepatitis exposure
Officials at a southern New Jersey hospital have notified 213 patients they may have been mentioned in a letter ...

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CDC FLU UPDATE LOCALIZED POCKETS OF HIGH ACTIVITY IN THE US
According to this week’s Fluview report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), flu activity increased slightly in the United States. More >

NATIONAL HOSPITAL HANDWASHING CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVE BUT EXPENSIVE
Many hospital patients were protected from a dangerous bug and at least 96 years of life will be saved each year, says professor Nicholas Graves from QUT’s

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SHARPSSENTEL WALL CABINET SYSTEM
exposed to HIV or hepatitis B or C because of drug tampering.

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**Punctur-Guard Wing Sets**

We've adapted our internal blunting technology to the Punctur-Guard Safety Winged Set! This allows the needle to be blunted while still inside the patient's vein, protecting the vessel and eliminating exposure during needle withdrawal.

The one-handed activation technique allows for undistracted care to be given to the venipuncture site at all times. Available in 19G, 21G, 23G, and 25G - Please see the product brochure for full ordering information.

**Download Product Brochure >**

**Central Catheter Maintenance Bundle Has an Immediate Impact on Preventing Common HAI**

A central catheter maintenance bundle developed to prevent a common healthcare-associated infection had an immediate effect of decreasing rates of central

**TACKLING ZIKA USING BACTERIA AS A TROJAN HORSE**

Bacteria in the gut of disease-bearing insects - including the mosquito which carries the Zika virus - can be used as a Trojan horse to help control the insects' population, new research at Swansea University has shown. The results showed declines in fertility of up to 100 percent and an increase of 60 percent in the mortality rate of larvae, among the insects studied.

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**REDUCING EYE INCIDENTS: HOW PROMISE HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTED A PIP PROGRAM**

Eye splash incidents are quite common in hospitals and other medical settings, exposing workers to the risk of serious infections. Hepatitis B and C as well as HIV can be spread in this manner along with C-Difficile, MRSA and other pathogens. When splashes occur, the affected employee must stop what they're doing, receive any necessary treatment and testing, and document what occurred. Patients may also be subjected to further testing.

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**QLICKSMART SNAPIT**

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Qlicksmart SnapIT is a simply safer way to open glass ampoules, avoiding the unacceptable painful injuries which could be quite serious at times. This easy-to-use multi-use ampoule opener reduces the risk of sustaining a
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HEPATITIS

- Winter Park businessman donates kidney to man he barely knows
- Hopewell health officials investigating hepatitis A case
- Perils of hepatitis
- 'Black death' offers clues to battling HIV and hepatitis C centuries later
- We need more public awareness about hepatitis
- Insurers Probed on Hepatitis C Drug Coverage

More than 200 patients at NJ hospital possibly exposed to HIV, hepatitis

More than 200 people treated at a New Jersey medical center may have been exposed to HIV or hepatitis B or C because of a former employee accused of tampering with drugs, the hospital said on Thursday.

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VanishPoint® Blood Collection Set

The VanishPoint® Blood Collection Set, from Retractable Technologies, Inc., features automated in-vein retraction, sharps injury by keeping hands out of harm’s way.

SnapIT is simple, safe and cost effective as it is reusable and comes in different sizes compatible with different ranges of ampoule sizes.

Webpage:
Instructional Video:

WHAT IS THE PROPER ANGLE-OF-INSERTION FOR VENIPUNCTURES?
Why the angle in which a phlebotomy needle is important to the patient’s safety and the success of the procedure.

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COMBATING ZIKA VIRUS REQUIRES FOCUS ON VACCINES, THERAPIES, MOSQUITOES, MU EXPERTS SAY

As many as 4 million people could be infected with the Zika virus by the end of the year, according to the World Health Organization. The Zika virus is

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ZAPPLIGHT LED INSECT KILLER LIGHT BULB WITH A ELECTRIC BUG ZAPPER BUILT IN INSECT TRAP

I know, I know... I don't usually talk about light bulbs in this newsletter but today is different. We are all aware of the challenges with the West Nile virus. Now we have the additional challenge of the Zika virus with its attendant issues.
I recently found a light bulb that also has a built-in Bug Zapper. I don't have an agreement with the manufacturer and receive nothing to send you to their link - but I believe that this is a wonderful product. I will be buying several to go into my protected outdoor light sockets.
that effectively reduces the risk of needlestick injuries and blood exposure. The safety mechanism is activated by depressing a retraction trigger that is located near the finger-grip area. This allows for easy one-handed activation, without changes in hand position, while reducing the risk of inadvertent activation. The needle is retracted directly from the patient, virtually eliminating exposure to the contaminated needle.

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WEST NILE

Studies show 'grave outcomes' for pregnant women infected with Zika
Waterloo entrepreneur believes mosquito trap will reduce spread of disease
Fight Against Zika Virus More Focused Than West Nile
West Nile infections prompt tire collections
How to battle mosquitos, West Nile and the Zika Virus
West Nile a greater threat to our region than Zika
West Nile: they're lying to you again
West Nile Virus: The Stranger That Came To Stay

STATE LAWS BOOST FLU VACCINATION RATES IN HEALTHCARE WORKERS

State laws mandating influenza immunization for people who work in healthcare increase their vaccination rates, according to new research led by the...

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EXCLUSIVE: NURSES SHOULD INSIST TRUSTS OBEY SHARPS SAFETY RULES

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Substance abuse prevention coalition plans Naloxone training
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Life-Choice Donor Services
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West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.
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TDICT - Training for the Development of Innovative Control Technologies Project

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Packaging your drug in a prefilled syringe with a safety feature will provide protection for health care workers and patients against accidental needlestick injuries. The NovaGuard SA (Staked-needle Automatic) syringe system can be deployed using a single-handed technique to shield the exposed needle.

System Benefits
- Mitigates glass flange breakage
- Bulk packaging enables automated assembly
- Designed to prevent pre-activation
- Uses standard plunger rods
- Tamper resistant
To learn more about using the NovaGuard SA syringe system for your drug product, or for information on any of West’s injectable drug packaging or delivery system technologies, click here.

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