

## Operating Room Sharps Safety Campaign

[facility name]

### Pre-campaign Steps

- Behavioral observation in OR
- Administer pre-test
- Sharps injury data collection/compilation
- Attend OR Safety Committee meetings
- Explore use of physician for OR staff and/or MD presentation on neutral zone
- Explore hospital-wide exposure for campaign (newsletter, email, etc.)

### Week 1

Message: You are at risk

Sub Messages: Risk of sharps injuries is higher in OR than any other setting.  
You can reduce the risk.  
Reduce the risk for yourself, your patient and your coworkers.

Interventions: Kick-off at weekly comprehensive meeting

- OR nurse educator to present sharps injury data from facility
- Give brief background on Stop Sticks and introduce OR campaign, explain what to look for in the next four weeks (posters, newsletters, paycheck stub inserts, display, safe zone presentation).

Specialty item – Stop Sticks OR logo (ex: pen)

Poster- Danger sign, data graph

Newsletter article

- Emphasize risk in OR greatest in health care setting
- Compare facility data to national (Epinet), other facility departments
- Stop Sticks campaign to help prevent injuries
- Explain how individual members of surgical teams have opportunity/responsibility to reduce risks (Choose safer devices, techniques, report injuries, coach other members of the team.)
- Quote from OR nurse educator

### Week 2

Message: Use proper/safe passing and loading techniques

Sub Messages: Passing and loading cause the most injuries  
Back to the basics in technique can reduce injuries

Interventions: Poster – photos or drawings of incorrect and correct passing and loading technique “Be safe, do it right” “It’s all in the technique”  
Newsletter article

- Cite national data on injuries during loading, passing (Davis’ book)
- Explain correct techniques for passing and loading
- Visuals of correct techniques
- Quote from physician, nurse, tech on importance of technique

Paycheck stuffer (depending on which week it falls on)

### Week 3

Message: Use a neutral zone  
Sub Messages: Try this uncomplicated step for prevention  
Protect yourself, your co-worker, and your patient

Interventions: Presentation to weekly meeting

- Explanation of neutral zone concept - Physician and/or one of his/her surgical team
- Reason for adoption
- Other safety steps to accompany neutral zone (passing across the table, etc.)
- Demonstration of neutral zone alternatives

Presentation to MDs – section meeting, grand rounds – Physician  
Poster – “Make one for the team” “Prevent injury with a neutral zone ” Drawing or photograph of neutral zone with surgeon/techs hands  
Newsletter article

- Information from Dr. Davis’ Book
- Quote from physician or tech using neutral zone or ICP about facility’s reported injuries
- Research additional information/resources

Specialty Item – item specific to OR campaign (use of scalpel graphic – ex: mug)

### Week 4

Message: Use safer devices  
Sub messages: Safer devices reduce risk for you, your patient and your team  
You must use safer devices when available  
Provide feedback to select safer devices (include Needlestick Act mandate)

Interventions: Exhibit – in OR lounge or other common area

- Samples of devices used in facility, as well as other options available
- Alert

- Display board on needlesticks, Needlestick Act
- Video on usage of devices used in facility's OR (from vendor), others available

	Posters	Articles	Staff Meetings	Skills Fair	Testimonies	Nurse Video	Promotional Items	Letter from Leadership
Week 1	X	X	X			X	X	X
Week 2	X				X		X	
Week 3	X	X	X	X			X	
Week 4	X		X		X			X

- Specialty item – use of scalpel graphic (ex: tote bag)
  - How staff can have impact on selecting new devices, who to contact in purchasing
- Poster – photo/drawing of variety of safe OR devices “Use safer devices.”

Newsletter

- Needlestick Act
- GAO statistics on saving money with safer devices
- Resources for device information
- Quote safe device advocate in hospital – management if possible

**Post-campaign steps**

- Behavioral observation in OR
- Recall evaluation and post-test survey
- Submit article/results to APIC, AORN, etc. newsletters and Stop Sticks website

**Sample campaign schedule with potential communication channels:**