

Competency Title: Needle Safety

Learning Options: Video of activation of safety device

Scoring: Record on clinical staff members Annual Summary Tracking Tool: Met or Not Met. Note deficiencies in the comment section.

Critical steps are indicated with a (*) if a critical step is not completed, 'Not Met' should be recorded for this skill on the Annual Summary Tracking Tool. Up to 2 non-critical steps may be missed for 'Met' to be recorded on the Annual Summary Tracking Tool.

Criteria
<p>Needle Selection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Only safety needles are to be used by clinical staff, this includes all sharps. Some examples are: needles for IM or SQ injection, TB needles, butterfly needles and IV Catheters
<p>Process</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Wash hands 2. Don gloves 3. *Prepare medication for administration following all steps for safe medication administration 4. Withdraw medication from vial using med prep tip 5. Re-cap med prep tip using the one-hand scoop method and keeping fingers well away from the sharp end 6. *Select the safety needle that is appropriate to the patient and the medication to be administered 7. Detach med prep tip from syringe and attach safety needle 8. Dispose of med prep tip in the sharps container 9. Verbalizes area assessment and plan for patient restraint, location(s) to properly activate safety device, and plan for patient adverse events (syncope) 10. *Using proper technique, administer injection to the patient while anticipating possible patient movement 11. *Immediately after injection has been administered, activate the safety device using a flat surface and holding the syringe and needle at a shallow angle 12. *After safety is activated, continue to treat the end of the needle as a sharp, keeping fingers away from the end 13. *Does not remove needle from syringe and disposes of needle and syringe in the sharps container

Competency Validator Signature

Printed Name

Date