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NMRCD INSTRUCTION 6710.3D

From: Officer-in-Charge

CONTROL AND DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES AND SYRINGES

- (a) CDC and NIH Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 8/23/2002
- (b) NAVMEDRSCHCENINST 6200.1A

1. Purpose. To establish guidelines for control, distribution and disposal of needles and syringes at the Naval Medical Research Center Detachment, Lima, Peru.

2. Cancellation NMRCD Instruction 6710.3C

3. Background. Needle stick accidents present a double hazard of inducing disease from infectious needles and inflicting injury. Most injuries occur while disposing of used needles or recapping needles after use. The hazards of disease and injury from sharps can be minimized at NMRCD with good safe practices. Additionally, special attention should be focused on the control of needles and syringes for the illegal administration of drugs. All potential illegal use or injury requires special handling and security procedures and is the responsibility of each Program Head.

4. Action

a. Control. All needles, syringes, and other related equipment will be stored in a locked storage room, cabinet or drawer. The key to the locked spaces will be maintained in the custody of a selected staff member and the staff member will be responsible for the security at the needles and syringes.

(1) Daily use stock. No more than a one-week supply of needles and syringes will be maintained in any laboratory area. Additional supplies will be obtained from storage stock when needed.

(2) Storage stock. The bulk stock of needles, syringes and other related equipment will be stored in a locked space.

b. Disposal. All staff utilizing needles and syringes are to ensure that disposal is accomplished properly and safely. As stated in reference (a), needles and syringes shall not be bent, sheared, replaced in the needle guard, or removed from the syringe following use. Used needles shall not be recapped, purposely

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bent, or broken by hand. Both needles and syringes shall be replaced in a puncture-resistant container marked with a biohazard waste label. When full or within 30 days, whichever is sooner, the container is sealed and disposed of according to reference (b). Stock numbers and nomenclatures for recommended containers are as follows:

(1 6.5 gal needle/syringe container (LG) 6530-01-172-6992 U/I: Each.

(2 Needle/syringe container (MED) 6515-LL-L00-3767
Each.

(3 Needle/syringe container (SM) 6515-LL-L00-3765
Each

c. Training. Training or instruction of personnel should include discussions of methods to prevent needle stick injuries.



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