

2020 EPINet® Blood Occupational Exposure Data

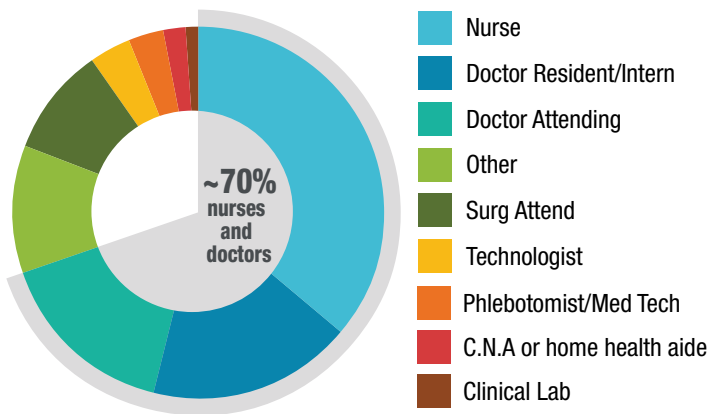
For Needlesticks, Sharps Injuries, and Blood and Body Fluid Exposures

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Needlestick and Sharp Injuries



43.7%
of all injuries
in operating
room

26.3%
in patient/
exam room

Top 3 Most Frequent Devices Causing Injury



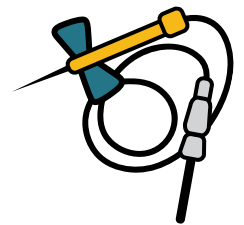
23.7%

Suture



16.7%

Disposable
Syringe

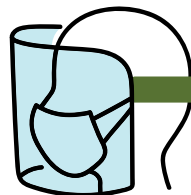
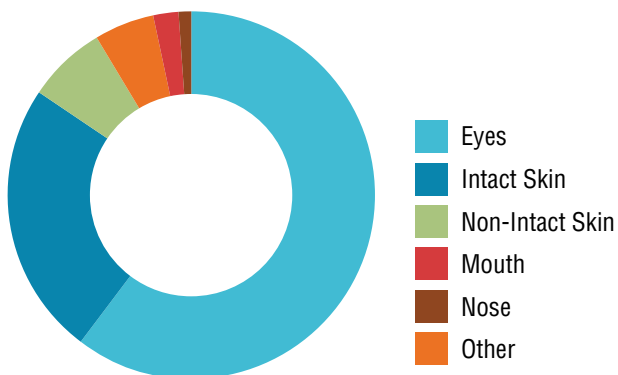


6.9%

Blood Collection,
Winged Needle, or
Tube Holder

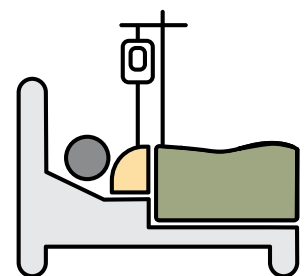
Less than 37% were using a sharp with a safety feature
Of those, **66.7%** were **NOT** activated

Blood and Body Fluid Exposures



only ~12%
were wearing any kind
of eye protection

~80%
of exposures are
to the head



~75%
occurred in patient room,
surgery, or
emergency department

RESOURCES

Annual Exposure Reports <https://internationalsafetycenter.org/exposure-reports/>

Sharps Safety 2020 Consensus Statement and Call to Action <https://tinyurl.com/2020SharpsConsensus>