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# C13 Needle stick injuries

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| Short name | Needle stick injuries |
| Detailed name | Needle-stick injuries per healthcare worker per year |
| Short definition | Number of reported needle-stick injuries per healthcare worker (full time equivalent) per calendar year |
| Type of indicator | Outcome (staff oriented) |
| Domain | Safety (staff orientation) |
| Numerator | Number of needle stick injuries reported |
| Denominator | Number of full time equivalent staff of healthcare workers |
| Exclusion | n.a. |
| Dimension | Percent |
| Data source | Database with reported cases of need-stick injuries.  If a reporting system is not implemented an alternative data source is: Point prevalence survey among hospital staff. |
| Minimum case number | n.a. |
| Subindicators | - |
| Adjustment/ stratification | Stratified by type of personnel: nurses, physician, technicians, students and housekeeping |
| Interpretation | Many types of needles and other sharp devices are used in health care. However, only a few needles and other sharp devices are associated with the majority of injuries. |
| Codes | n.a. |