SAFETY FEATURE EVALUATION FORM
SHARPS DISPOSAL CONTAINERS

Date: ___________ Department: _______________ Occupation: ________________________

Product: ________________________________ Number of times used: ________________

Please circle the most appropriate answer for each question. Not applicable (N/A) may be used if the question does not apply to this particular product.

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<td>2. The implied warning of danger can be seen from the angle at which people commonly view it (very short people, people in wheel chairs, children, etc)</td>
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<td>3. The implied warning can be universally understood by visitors, children, and patients</td>
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<td>4. The container's purpose is self-explanatory and easily understood by a worker who may be pressed for time or unfamiliar with the hospital setting</td>
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<td>5. The container can accept sharps from any direction desired</td>
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<td>6. The container can accept all sizes and shapes of sharps</td>
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<td>7. The container allows single handed operation. (Only the hand holding the sharp should be near the container opening)</td>
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<td>8. It is difficult to reach in and remove a sharp</td>
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<td>10. Sharps can go into the container without getting caught on any molded shapes in the interior</td>
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<td>11. The container is puncture resistant</td>
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<td>12. When the container is dropped or turned upside down (even before it is permanently closed) sharps stay inside</td>
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<td>13. The user can determine easily, from various viewing angles, when the container is full</td>
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<td>14. When the container is to be used free-standing (no mounting bracket), it is stable and unlikely to tip over</td>
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<td>15. It is safe to close the container. (Sharps should not protrude into the path of hands attempting to close the container)</td>
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<td>16. The container closes securely. (e.g. if the closure requires glue, it may not work if the surfaces are soiled or wet.)</td>
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<td>17. The product has handles which allow you to safely transport a full container</td>
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<td>18. The product does not require extensive training to operate correctly</td>
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Of the above questions, which three are the most important to your safety when using this product?

Are there other questions which you feel should be asked regarding the safety/utility of this product?

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