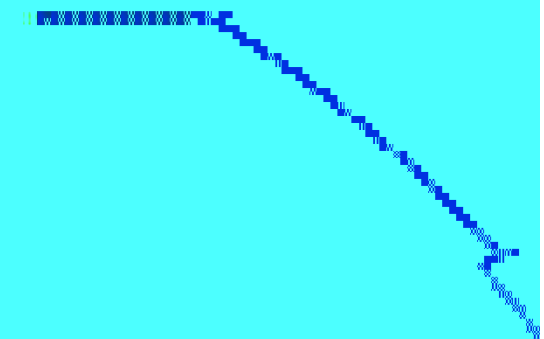


Physician Practice Enhancement Program

ASSESSMENT STANDARDS

Sharps Safety



Introduction

This standard describes the requirements for the handling, and disposal of medical sharps in a clinical office.

A medical sharp is an object capable of cutting or penetrating skin. In a clinical office, common medical sharps are needle devices, scalpels, and lancets.

The following topics are part of infection prevention and control in a clinical office:

1. Hand hygiene
2. Personal protective equipment
3. Environmental cleaning
4. Sharps safety

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