



**STOP  
STICKS**

## BLUNT SUTURE NEEDLES: EVIDENCE

- » “The use of blunt needles reduced the risk of glove perforation by 54% compared to sharp needles”\*
- » The use of these needles was rated as acceptable in five out of six studies.\*
- » “...the use of blunt needles appreciably reduces the risk of contracting infectious diseases for surgeons and their assistants over a range of operations by reducing the number of needle stick injuries.”\*



\* Parantainen A, Verbeek JH, Lavoie MC, Pahwa M. Blunt versus sharp suture needles for preventing percutaneous exposure incidents in surgical staff. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev.* 2011;11:CD009170.

**USE THE SHARPS SAFETY TOOL KIT**

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