

### **Instructions for Exception form:**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration requires that wherever possible, employers must substitute safety needle/sharps systems for non-safety systems.

Exceptions are allowed for the following:

1. If safety of patient would be affected
2. If success of the procedure would be affected.

Fill out all parts of the Exception form.

- List the specific non-safety needle/needles that are needed.
- List the specific procedure/procedures the safety needle will not work for.
- List the safety devices that have been tried for this procedure, or list “no safety device currently available.”
- Give the specific reason the safety device is not appropriate for these procedures.
- List the specific safety procedures that will be used to prevent exposure to the non-safety needle systems.
- Print the name of the person submitting the request so they can be contacted if further information is needed.

Forward to your Nurse Leadership representative or to Product Standardization Committee Safe Needle/Devices Task Force.

# ECU Safety Sharps Exception Documentation

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Center \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Safety Needle needed \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure that safety needle will not work for:

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Specific devices evaluated for use on this procedure: (please list brand or type, i.e. B/Braun, J&J, flip cap, retractable, etc.)

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Specific reason safety needle is not appropriate:

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Providers that do this procedure

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Safety procedures that will be used to prevent exposure to non-safety needle:

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