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DonorCare[®] Needle Guard

(Single Use Only)

FEATURES

- ▶ *Immediate shielding of needle on withdrawal from vein*
- ▶ *Shielding from behind the needle*
- ▶ *Stabilization of the needle hub*

BENEFITS

Phlebotomists

- ▶ *Makes needle withdrawal procedure safe*
- ▶ *Reduces risk of needle stick injury from the donor needle*
- ▶ *Facilitates safe, fast needle withdrawal in emergency situations*
- ▶ *Improves safety for subsequent procedures, e.g. stripping, segmenting*
- ▶ *Incorporates easily into current procedures*

Donor

- ▶ *Prevents rotation of needle hub and risk of injury*
- ▶ *Improves donor comfort on withdrawal of needle*



DonorCare is available in two sizes to fit the various size needle hubs



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Procedure for Use

Venipuncture

1. Ensure that the arrow on top of the DonorCare is pointing toward the needle hub. If DonorCare is not pre-attached, place over tubing with the arrow pointing toward the needle and close the DonorCare being sure to snap each of the three locks closed.
2. Perform venipuncture.

Stabilize DonorCare

3. Slide DonorCare and engage over needle hub leaving approximately 1/3 of the hub exposed.
4. Stabilize the DonorCare by taping the front of the DonorCare to the donor's arm being sure the tape does not extend over the DonorCare opening.

Exceptions for Difficult Blood Collections such as Slow Blood Flow, Fine Veins, Acute Needle Angle

- Position DonorCare on the tubing behind the needle hub during collection
- Place DonorCare on the needle hub at the end of the blood collection

Withdrawal of Needle

Note: It is important that the DonorCare be held stationary during needle withdrawal.

5. Hold gauze over the venipuncture site with finger tips without exerting pressure while holding the sides of the DonorCare near the front between the index finger and thumb.
6. With the other hand, firmly hold the tubing behind the DonorCare and pull in a swift motion until the needle is locked in the DonorCare.

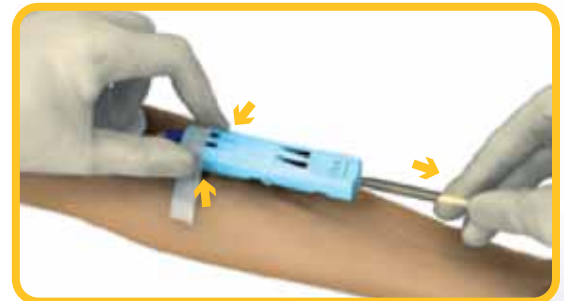
Note: A hemostat may be placed on the tubing behind the DonorCare when the blood collection is complete.

7. The needle is locked in place when it is no longer visible, the tubing can not be pulled further into the guard and the needle tip is secured within the guard. (There will be 2 audible clicks when it locks.)

Option: If using SampLok[®] Tube Holder, insert the DonorCare into the SampLok and turn to lock in place. There will be an audible click when it locks.

8. Disposal

Place the assembly in an appropriate biohazard container.



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