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-Christine, ICU Nurse

Christine is a nurse in the Medical ICU and often cares for patients who are in drug withdrawal, delirious or suffering from dementia. These patients are difficult to care for because their symptoms can cause them to become easily agitated, confused or combative, which is dangerous for both the patient and staff.

A recent patient was actively delirious and required the assistance of Christine and several other staff members to calm down.

“The patient was paranoid and thought we were there to take her arm off,” Christine said. “If we came at her with a needle again, she could easily pull back, get scared and become combative.”

The blood draw process for patients who are easily irritable or combative is especially dangerous, as it entails approaching the patient with a needle, sometimes repeatedly. The pain of a needle stick often escalates the patient’s agitation, increasing the risk for needlestick injuries.

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76% OF NURSES estimate they would **ALMOST ALWAYS USE NEEDLE-FREE DRAWS** vs. venipuncture *

Needlestick injuries expose nurses and health care workers to bloodborne pathogens—a serious health and safety hazard. The CDC estimates that 385,000 sharps-related injuries occur every year among healthcare workers in hospitals.

Fortunately, with this particular patient, Christine was able to use PIVO to perform a needle-free blood draw. The patient didn’t see a sharp device approaching her or feel a painful poke, resulting in a smooth, simple draw.

“She wasn’t scared this morning, the process wasn’t at all traumatic,” Christine said. “PIVO makes it safer for everyone.”

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