

PLEASE RECORD RESPONSES VERBATIM

Namaskar,

My name is ----- . The Nationwide study called "Assessment of Injection Practices in India" carried out by IndiaCLEN Program Evaluation Network has shown that a very large number of injections are given in India every year. 2/3rd of these injections given were found unsafe. Most of the injections given were found to have been unnecessarily prescribed. "Model Injection Corners" is an IPEN initiative as a follow up of the AIPI study to improve injection safety in the country. This **information will be used by health planners and managers** to design and implement **programs to improve injection safety**. **Your organization/association** is an important stakeholder in this study and therefore we would appreciate if you could spare some of your valuable time to answer my questions..Your responses will be treated as confidential.

1. Sir / Madam, you are the President / Secretary of your Organization / Association. How long have you been holding this office?
2. What are the existing **guidelines** for **rational drug use**?
(Probe for: injectables)

For giving injections safely, certain steps have to be followed before, during and after giving injections.

3. What are the existing **guidelines** for **safe injection practices**?
4. What are the existing **guidelines** for injection related **waste disposal**?
5. What do you think are the **complications of injections**?
(**Probe:** diseases spread)

6. What sort of **injection practices** makes injections **risky**?

a. Before giving injections

b. While giving injections

c. After giving injections

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7. What are the **risks** associated with **improper disposal** of used syringes and needles?

a. Risks to Injection givers:

b. Risks to Waste handlers:

c. Risks to Community:

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8. What are the **guidelines for sterilizing** syringes and needles?

9. What **role** your organization / association is playing **to make** the **clients / prescribers / injection givers aware** about the following:

a. Rationality of injections:
b. Issues regarding safety of injections
c. Complications of injections:
d. Disposal of used syringes and needles:

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10. What are the **activities** undertaken by your organization / association to ensure safe injection practices by the members?
11. It is often said that there is **recycling** of plastic **syringes and needles** with plastic hubs. How are the discarded syringes and needles recycled and put back in the **market**?
12. How can one recognize / **differentiate recycled** syringes and needles from non recycled **ones**? (Probe: price difference)

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13. What **role** your organization / association can play to **promote safe injection practices** among:

a. Prescribers and Injection givers
b. Community

14. Of late, there is lot of talk about increasing number of **HIV-AIDS** and **Hepatitis B & C cases** in the community. What **impact** did this have on injection practices of:

a) The medical fraternity in general?

b) The members of your organization / association in particular?

THANK YOU

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