

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. You are** 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.
 - a) How long you have been involved with the association/professional group?
 - b) Could you please tell your qualification?
 - c) Could you please tell about your training?
 - d) For how long have you been practicing?
2. What are the **existing guidelines** for rational drug use?
(**Probe for:** a. Who formulated them, b. From where you got the guidelines, c. When implemented, d. How implemented)

3. What **measures** have been taken by your association to ensure **rational drug use** by the members?

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

4. What are the **existing guidelines** for safe injection practices?
(**Probe for:** a. From where you got the guidelines, b. When implemented, c. How implemented)
(**Probe:** Any national program where guidelines given)
5. What **measures** have been taken by your association to encourage adoption of **safe injection practices** by the members?

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6. What are the existing **guidelines** for injection related **waste disposal**?
(**Probe:** a. From where you got the guidelines, b. When implemented, c. How implemented)

7. What **measures** have been taken by your association to ensure appropriate disposal of **injection related waste** by the members?

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8. Could you please give details of the last **training / CME** program organized by your organization in which **safe injection practices** were also discussed?

(**Probe:** where, trainees, trainers, duration, contents, proportion of time spent on hands on, organizers)

9. What **contributions** have been made by your organization in the **curriculum** of medical doctors / nurses / other paramedical personnel regarding **safe injection practices**?

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10. Do you have an **operational manual** / guide / handout / any other literature related to **giving injections, sterilization** of needles and syringes and **disposal of** injections related waste?

(YES/NO/DON'T KNOW)

If yes, what is the source and its title?

11. How are the **injection practices** of your members **monitored**?

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12. What **problems did you identify** in injection practices and use of injectable drugs by members of your association? What actions were taken to **rectify** them?

a. Process of disposal of used syringes and needles

Problems Identified:

Actions Taken:

b. Process of Sterilization

Problems Identified:

Actions Taken:

c. Process of giving injection

Problems Identified:

Actions Taken:

d. Use of injectable Drugs

Problems Identified:

Actions Taken:

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13. What **steps** have been **taken** by your organization **to minimize** use of **unnecessary injections** by your members in their practice?

14. What **role** your organization can play to **promote safe injection practices** (including process of giving injections, sterilization and disposal of used syringes and needles) among :

a. Prescribers
b. Providers
c. Community

15. 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 your members?

THANK YOU

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