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Abstract

The implementation of sharps injury prevention policies facilitates hospital institutions in reassessing the quality of their efforts to protect their staff nurses. It is for these reasons that the researcher intends to identify the level of compliance of nurses in the Cordillera Administrative Region and the factors that influence their compliance. All these must be established in order to improve the quality of the workplace for all practicing nurses. A total of two hundred thirty-seven (237) staff nurses answered the study questionnaire.

Results revealed that the in compliant behavior of the surveyed staff nurses toward precautionary measures after any kind of procedure was likely the cause of their accidental sharps injuries; that only the older staff nurses, with five years and above of clinical experience, and those assigned in the pediatric ward, psychiatric ward, intensive care unit, operating room, delivery room, and outpatient department have practiced the necessary measures in preventing sharps injuries; and that the surveyed staff nurses would more likely change their behaviors and comply with measures in preventing sharps injuries if their hospital institutions developed policies and procedures, implemented continuous education and training, and ensured availability of resources for the prevention of sharps injuries.

Therefore, work practices in sharps injury prevention should be considered as a priority by nurses working in hospitals. Mandatory reporting and recording and proper follow-up and constant reinforcement on the prevention of sharps injuries must be employed. Follow-up studies should also be conducted to further enhance the supplemental manual proposed here.