

## **The RINJ Foundation**

### **PROTOCOL ON SHARP INJURY**

To prevent sharp injury, and ensure safety of the patient and personnel, the following procedure must be followed closely:

1. Contaminated Sharps are placed on a Kidney/Emesis Basin ( i.e. Sutures Needles, Scalpel Blades).
2. If the procedure necessitates reuse of a Hypodermic Needle for multiple times on the patient, use the SCOOP METHOD ( lay the needle cap toward the back of the Mayo Stand and slide the needle within the cap).
3. A sterile sharps container is provided and should be used on every case to store used Sharps ( yellow bins).
4. When organizing the Sharp in the work area, Sharps should be pointed away from the handler and receiving personnel.
5. Visual inspection of the field and drapes for any sharps before disposal must be done.
6. Utilize mechanical Safety Device to remove or attach blades/needles or other sharps . (i.e. needle driver to remove your scalper blade )
7. Non-sterile Sharp Container is in place for all staff to dispose sharps to decrease the risk of injury to patients and personnel.