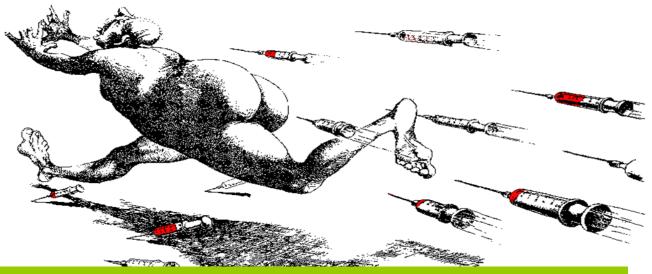
Introduction of safe needles, does it care ?



Effect of Directive 2010/32/EC, its impact at workplace level. How does it decrease the number of NSI's in Dutch hospitals?

Gerard Frijstein, MD occupational health



Development directive 2010/32/EU in the Netherlands

- The EU directive is already in force from 1/1/2012 "Dutch arbolaw", a general Law to ensure safe en good working conditions
- StAZ initiatives to support this Directive; Dutch employers counsel together with Unions
- Grants are available and a lot of effort is undertaken bij both parties to strenghten a succesfull implementation
- Examples;
 - General hospitals consider a joint purchase of safe needles
 - In october 2013 a European meeting healthy workplaces will be supported by TNO (Dutch focal point) in coöperation with StAZ and EU –OHSA
 - Support best practices in the field

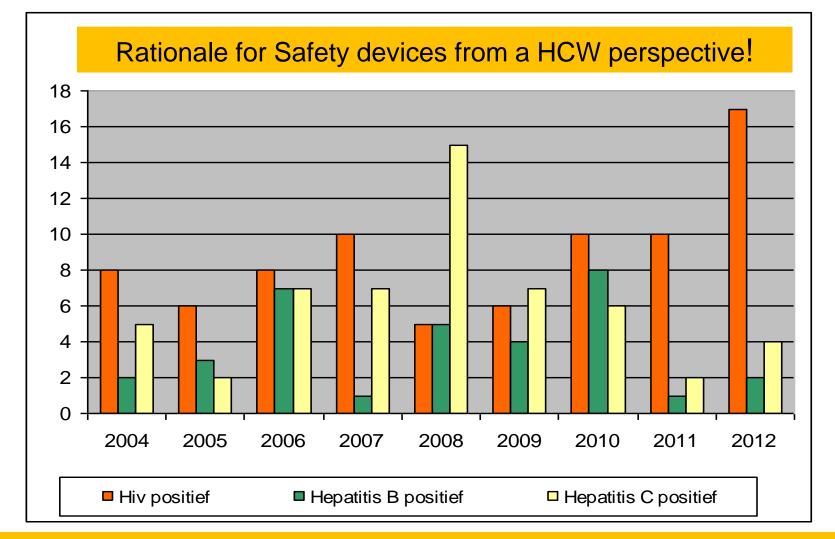


Presentation topics

- The business case in the Academic Medical Centre (AMC) ,University of Amsterdam
- Best practice based on analyses 2000 registred needle stick injuries (NSI's)
- Implementation safety needle devices project
- Lessons learnt







8-10 % of the source patients over the years were infected with HBV ,HCV or HIV.



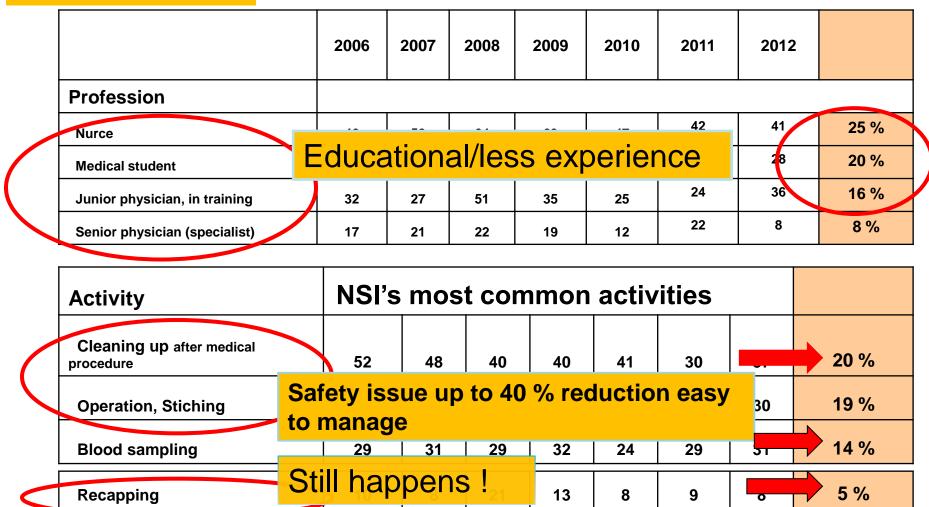
Arguments to convince policymakers and the Board to implement safe needle devices?

- Register the NSI's in a proper way
- Perform an analysis of the database
- We performed an EB study; show the evidence
- Adapt a 24 hours service after a NSI
- Transition of old vs new safety devices, replacement preferably instantly



Main results

NSI's background profession





Implementation safety project AMC, main conditions

Increase awareness for preventive maesures

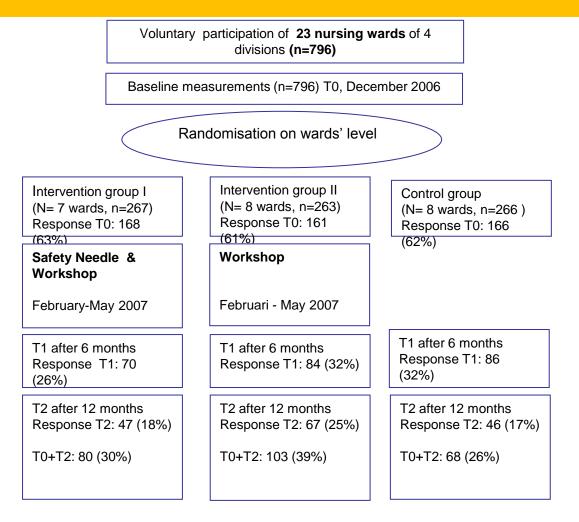
- Training and promote safe behavior
- Research on scientific evidence to show efficacy of safe needle stick devices

How

- Effectstudy of safety needle device & workshops on Needle Stick Injuries AMC, Coronel institute/OHS department
- Workshops how to perform safe needle handling
- Seminar safety at the working place

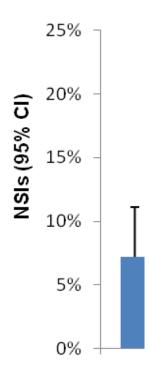


Study design, measurements and participants





Veiligheid in het AMC symposium 8 november 2007

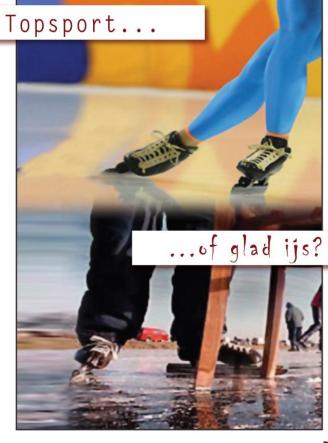


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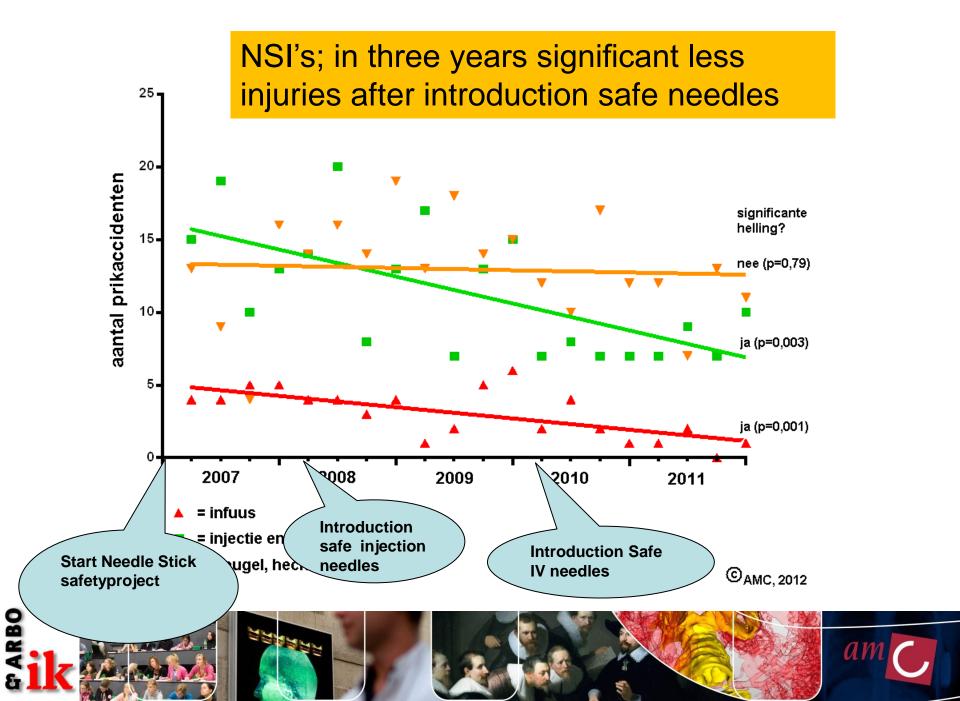


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Lessons learnt

- From safety policy to implementation of safe needle devices. It takes time.!
- Trainies, nurces and MD in education at highest risk NSI's
- Behavioral aspect (awareness of the occ health risks)and safe needle stick devices both contribute to a safer working environment HCW
- 3 years after implementation safety devices show positive results in distinct needle handling Statistical significant!
- StAZ initiatives will contribute for good safe needle handling in all Dutch general Hospitals (n = 100)

