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A Brisbane designer says he believes a product which can remove scalpel blades in the operating room will improve safety standards around the world.

Health care workers previously had to remove blades by hand, exposing them to blood infections.

The product has been tested in Queensland hospitals.

Co-designer Rob Geddes says the device captures the blade in a sterile plastic case.

"Injuries from sharps is a major problem in medical situations," he said.

"There's cross contamination with blood-borne diseases and things of that sort of nature so changing scalpel blades in the past has been a problem."

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