

SCALPEL CUTS - UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM

Podiatrists are one of the most frequent users of scalpel blades in the medical profession.

Removing scalpel blades without the right tool increase your chances of a sharps injury significantly. In the best case, a sharps cut can lead to delays or blood tests being required. At worst, you are risking surgery, a blood-borne infection, and costly rehabilitation.

SCALPEL CUTS CAN CAUSE



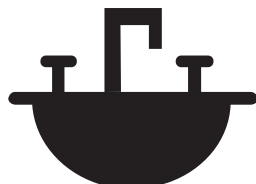
Blood-borne infection such as HBV, HCV, or HIV

Severed digital nerve and/or tendon

Psychological distress and/or trauma

Delayed procedures and loss of productivity

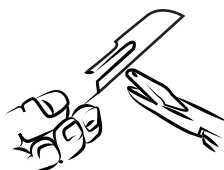
WHERE DO SCALPEL CUTS OCCUR?



When removing scalpel blades



While switching instruments



During clean-up / resterilization

COSTS FOR AN UNCOMPLICATED SCALPEL INJURY

US\$ 550 to
US\$ 3,000

COST IF THE INJURY REQUIRES SURGERY AND REHAB

US\$ 15,000 to
US\$ 100,000

In addition to the post-exposure management costs, there may be hidden costs such as workers compensation, retraining, or non-compliance penalties.

DID YOU
KNOW?

Up to

50%

of scalpel cuts can be prevented using a single-handed scalpel blade remover.

PREVENTING CUTS USING THE QCLICKSMART BLADEFLASK



- Removes up to 100 used scalpel blades
- Automatic safety mechanism removes and contains your scalpel blades using only one hand.
- Certified and medically approved sharps container.
- Can be attached to a wall or bench with the reusable Mounting Bracket.
- Dispose by placing it in your medical waste bin.



Qlicksmart BladeFLASKs are a **quick and simple** way to remove scalpel blades.



With the mounting bracket, the BladeFLASKs can be placed on stations, trolleys, or benches.



They work within your standard operating procedures

- Fast implementation process
- Less training (compared to forceps)
- Compatible with wide range of blades



Qlicksmart devices have **safely removed over 70 million** contaminated scalpel blades, and prevented up to 150,000 injuries around the world.



The BladeFLASK is easy to use **with just one hand**. A quick “push, click, and pull” action is all you need to do to remove and contain used scalpel blades.



Qlicksmart is an Australian medical device company committed to making healthcare professional's lives easier and safer, so that they can focus on patient care. Qlicksmart has worked with innovators from the healthcare sector for more than 20 years to deliver solutions which target the overlooked concerns of nurses, surgeons, and healthcare institutions. To learn more about Qlicksmart, visit qlicksmart.com.



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