Needlesticks: Pick Six

ODDS OF A NURSE SUFFERING A NEEDLESTICK INJURY AT SOME POINT DURING HIS OR HER CAREER

Almost one in two (Source: Statistics Canada, the Canadian Institute for Health Information, and Health Canada)

1: One in three of 19,000 Canadian nurses polled said problems with their physical health had made it challenging to handle their workloads. Back pain was the most common complaint.

9: Nearly nine percent of Canadian nurses of both sexes reported suffering depression

20: Seventeen percent of Canadian nurses interviewed reported that psychological strain from their jobs had caused them to take no fewer than 20 sick days within a year.

29: Twenty-nine percent of nurses polled said they had been targets of physical abuse by patients within the past year.

40: More than 40 percent reported being emotionally abused by patients.

45: Forty-five percent of female nurses and 51 percent of male nurses reported feeling unsupported by their co-workers. However, 90 percent said their working relationships with doctors were good.