

# The Anzen Safety Scalpel

Safety without Sacrifice.  
Quality without Compromise.



A Safer Operating  
Room is Within Reach

# Are You Needlestick Act Compliant?

Since the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act was signed into law in November 2000, there has been a greater awareness and focus on protecting healthcare workers from sharps injuries.

Despite the fact that scalpel blade injuries are among the most frequent sharps injuries, second only to needlesticks, adoption of safety scalpels in surgery has significantly lagged. Anzen makes compliance with the Needlestick Safety Act effortless. By minimizing unnecessary exposure to the scalpel blade, you can ensure fewer preventable workplace injuries. Anzen helps create a safer operating room with fewer sharps incidents from scalpels.

## The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that:

- Approximately 385,000 sharps-related injuries still occur annually in healthcare workers within hospital settings.<sup>1</sup>
- 62 to 88 percent of sharps injuries in the hospital setting could be prevented by using safer medical devices.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control (CDC); Panlilio AL, Orelie JG, Srivastava PU, Jagger J, Cohn RD, Carco DM, the NaSH Surveillance Group; the EPINet Data Sharing Network. Estimate of the annual number of percutaneous injuries among hospital-based healthcare workers in the United States, 1997- 1998. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 2004; 25(7): 556-62.

<sup>2</sup> The Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, United States Congress, H.R.5178, January/March 2000

# Designed with Surgeons, for Surgeons

Anzen is the first safety scalpel with a reusable metal handle similar in weight and balance to traditional metal handle scalpels. It was engineered using the feedback of surgeons and surgical techs to ensure an intuitive design that is easy to use and feels familiar and comfortable.

## Product Specifications

Blade Cartridges		
Product	Blade Size	Button Color
AZ10	#10	Blue
AZ11	#11	Green
AZ15	#15	Yellow

  

Reusable Handles		
Product	Handle Size	Material
AZ3	#3	Stainless Steel



Simply safe.  
Easy to use.

## Key safety features include:

- Reusable metal handle provides surgeons with the weight, balance and control they are accustomed to
- Box cutter design provides effortless blade exposure and retraction
- Slim cartridge design does not interfere with view of incisions site
- Single-use protected blade cartridge makes sharps injury prevention easy and convenient
- Protected blade stays retracted when attaching and detaching cartridges



## Protect Healthcare Workers from Sharps Danger in the Operating Room

- The operating room is the second most common environment in which sharps injuries occur, accounting for 27% of injuries overall<sup>3</sup>
- Surgeons and residents are most often original users of the injury-causing devices; nurses and surgical technicians are typically injured by devices originally used by others<sup>4</sup>
- Three-quarters of injuries occur during the use or passing of devices<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Center for Disease Control (CDC), NaSH, June 1995 – December 2003.

<sup>4,5</sup> Jagger, Janine, et al. "Increase in sharps injuries in surgical settings versus nonsurgical settings after passage of national needlestick legislation." *AORN Journal* 93.3 (2011): 322-330.



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