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Dear Ms Lynch

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Subsequent to the transfer of your Request For Information from the Ministry of Health to DHBs, I advise the following on behalf of MidCentral DHB.

In response to Question 1 and Question 2, please see the attached table for the period 04/06/14 through 04/06/15.

Q1. How much money is spent annually on the purchase of hollow-bore needles for use in the NZ public healthcare system, and who is the provider of these supplies ?

Q2. What are the numbers and types of (hollow-bore) needles purchased annually for use in public health?

In response to Question 3 and Question 4

Q3. How many public health care workers, who have experienced a needle stick injury while in the workplace, test positive for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), and/or the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) annually.

- For MidCentral District Health Board employees there have been no cases identified for at least the last 6-8 years.

Q4. Does the Ministry have any plans and/or policies in place to reduce instances of needle stick injuries in the public health care system?

- We are not aware of any plans the Ministry may have. At MidCentral District Health Board we have Standard Precautions Guidelines in place and the following is the relevant excerpt from that guideline.

Safe Injection Practices

- Take all practical steps to prevent injuries when using needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices; when handling sharp instruments after procedures; when cleaning used instruments; and when disposing of used needles.

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- Never recap used needles or otherwise manipulate them using both hands, or any other technique that involves directing the point of a needle toward any part of the body; rather, use a one-handed “scoop” technique.
- Do not remove used needles from disposable syringes by hand, and do not bend, break or otherwise manipulate used needles by hand.
- For disposal, place used syringes, needles, scalpel blades and other sharp items in appropriate puncture-resistant biohazard sharps containers located as close as practical to the area in which the items were used (use point of use containers).
- Use single dose vials for parenteral medications. Where this is not possible **always** access vials with sterile equipment.

Yours faithfully



Jeff Small
GROUP MANAGER
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TABLE

Supplier	Description	Boxes/Pkts	Total Cost
Intermed	Arrow Catheterization Set	25	1112.5
Intermed	Arrow Radial Arterial	75	2224.92
Intermed	Arrow Triple Lumen Catheter	764	68537.6
Becton Dickinson	Blood Collection Set c/w Leur	451	45100
Becton Dickinson	Cannula IV BC 16G x 1.16	20	1867.5
Becton Dickinson	Cannula IV BC 18G x 1.16	81	7272.5
Becton Dickinson	Cannula IV BC 20G x 1.16	417	37301
Becton Dickinson	Cannula IV BC 22G x 1	208	18596.5
Becton Dickinson	Cannula IV BC 24G x 0.75	5	455.5
Healthcare Logistics	Cannula Vasofix 16G	6	936
Healthcare Logistics	Cannula Vasofix 18G	12	1872
Healthcare Logistics	Cannula Vasofix 20G	17	2652
Healthcare Logistics	Cannula Vasofix 22G	13	2016
Onelink	Cath Epidural 18G Clear Nylon	4	77.36
Smiths Medical	Cath Epidural Minipak 18G	5	1295
Ebos	Cath Iv #1Sr*2032C Surflo	6	354
Ebos	Cath Iv #1Sr*Ox1832C Surflo	2	118
Becton Dickinson	Catheter IV Insyte 14g x 1.75	16	825
Becton Dickinson	Catheter IV Insyte 16g x 1.16	81	4171.5
Becton Dickinson	Catheter IV Insyte 16g x 1.77	1	52.5
Becton Dickinson	Catheter IV Insyte 18g x 1.16	72	3708
Becton Dickinson	Catheter IV Insyte 20g x 1.16	179	9377.5
Becton Dickinson	Catheter IV Insyte 22g x 1	210	10815
Becton Dickinson	Catheter IV Insyte 24G x 0.75	6	315
Becton Dickinson	Catheter IV Insyte 24Gx14mm	3	303
Becton Dickinson	Catheter Nexiva 18g x 1.25	30	3738
Becton Dickinson	Catheter Nexiva 20g x 1.25	412	51088
Becton Dickinson	Catheter Nexiva 22g x 1	395	48980
Smiths Medical	Epidural Catheter #100382118	2	265.04
Smiths Medical	Epidural Pack 18G	53	18603
Smiths Medical	Epidural Pack #9220160243 16G	4	1404
Smiths Medical	Gripper Needle #212720 19G X	2	356.5
Smiths Medical	Gripper Needle #21273324 22G	8	1426
Smiths Medical	Gripper Needle #212939 22G X	2	364.92
Smiths Medical	Gripper Needle 20g x 1.25	5	891.25
Smiths Medical	Gripper Needle 20g x 19mm	78	13904.28
Becton Dickinson	Infusion Cath Single Port 22g	159	14310
Ebos	Infusion Set Winged	3	96
Ebos	Infusion Set winged 21g 9cm	137	157.55
Ebos	Infusion Set Winged 21G X 3/4	12	384
Ebos	Infusion Set winged 23g 9cm	180	207
Ebos	Infusion Set Winged G25	8	361
Ebos	Infusion Set Wnged G25 50 X	3	165
Becton Dickinson	Insulin Syringe #328821 bg/10	5	65
Becton Dickinson	Needle 18g x 1.1/2	120	414.3
Becton Dickinson	Needle 20g x 1" (90 x 25)	140	487.4
Becton Dickinson	Needle 21g x 1" (80 x 25)	120	414.27

Supplier	Description	Boxes/Pkts	Total Cost
Becton Dickinson	Needle 22g x 1.1/2" (71 x 38)	290	1005.8
Becton Dickinson	Needle 23g x 1" (63 x 25)	57	197.4
Becton Dickinson	Needle 23g X 1.1/4	2	6.89
Becton Dickinson	Needle 24g X 1" (56 x 25)	20	69.8
Becton Dickinson	Needle 25g x 1" bx/100	81	279.9
Becton Dickinson	Needle 25G X 1.1/2	100	346.3
Becton Dickinson	Needle 25g x 5/8" (50 x 16)	99	342.19
Becton Dickinson	Needle 27g X 1/2" (40 x 13)	15	51.9
Becton Dickinson	Needle 30G x 1/2" 0.3mm x 13mm	1	3.49
Becton Dickinson	Needle Adaptor Multi Leur	45	1332.3
Becton Dickinson	Needle Dental 27G long	25	467.25
Becton Dickinson	Needle Spinal 20G X 2.75	1	3.6
Ebos	Needle Spinal 20G X 3.5	60	138
Onelink	Needle Spinal 22G X 3.5	54	3437.2
Ebos	Needle Spinal 23G X 2.75	57	131.1
Ebos	Needle Spinal 23G X 3.5	86	230.48
Ebos	Needle Spinal 23G X 3.5	43	98.9
Smiths Medical	Needle Tuohy 16G Portex	1	155
Smiths Medical	Needle Tuohy 18G #100.395.180	4	785.32
Smiths Medical	Portacath #21294824 Gripper	2	364.92
Smiths Medical	Portacath Gripper Needle 20g	30	5347.5
Smiths Medical	Safety Needle 20G x 0.75	6	1369.86
Smiths Medical	Spinal Epidural Combined	4	1854
Becton Dickinson	Spinal Needle 22g x 7	18	869.4
Becton Dickinson	Spinal Needle 25g x 1	2	312.5
Intermed	Spinal Needle 25G x 90mm	65	13679.82
Intermed	Spinal Needle Pencil Point	94	2279.59
Becton Dickinson	Spinal Needle Quincke 25gx90mm	4	129.4
TOTAL			\$414,728.20