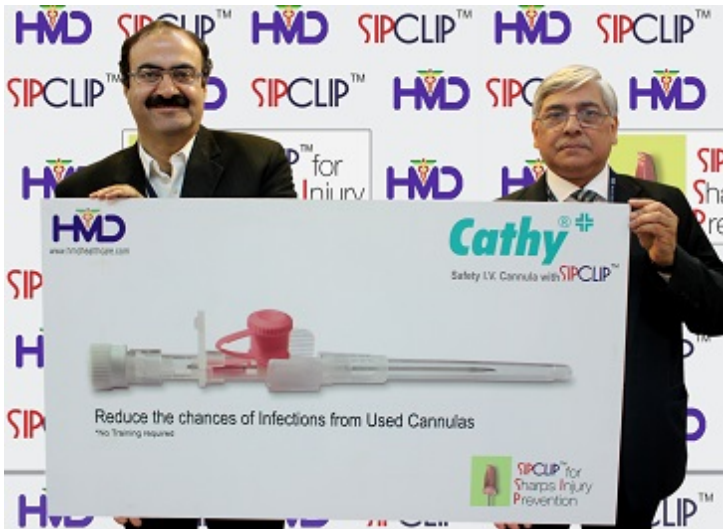


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Hindustan Syringes and Medical Devices (HMD) launches the next generation Cathy Safety IV Cannula with SIP CLIP, for preventing Needle Stick Injuries.

"We are particularly excited about the prospects of our latest offering 'Safety IV Cannula with this Sharps Injury Prevention SIP Clip', which will certainly boost our export profile. We soon will be exporting this product to more than 20 countries by 2017. We have already shipped over 1.5 million IV Cannulas to Scandinavia recently and have received excellent feedback and clinical acceptance," said Mr Rajiv Nath, joint MD, HMD.

He added, "For one, this patented design greatly minimizes the chances of needle stick injury to a nurse after she attaches a IV Catheter and removed the blood infected needle from a patient which results in numerous unfortunate infections and even deaths, particularly in developing countries like India. Most of these are not reported. This will greatly enhance health safety of our hospital staff and health workers and they deserve this. Our next generation cannula is designed not only to minimize health risks associated with accidental needle injuries but will also help bring down substantially the overall cost resulting from treatment of diseases like Hepatitis and HIV due to needle stick injuries and resultant nosocomial infections."

It may be pointed that needle-stick injuries are common among healthcare staff and workers. Nurses are the largest single victim group, and have high rates of injury. According to WHO, if Safety Cannula are made mandatory in hospitals, then around 80 percent of all hospital staff can be saved from needle stick injuries.