



SAFETY SCALPEL EVALUATION FORM

Date: _____ Department: _____
 Occupation: _____ Product: _____ Number of times used: _____

Please **circle** the most appropriate answer for each question. Not applicable (N/A) may be used if the question does not apply to this particular product.

	Agree.....Disagree
1 The safety feature of the scalpel can be activated using a one-handed technique.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
2 The safety feature does not obstruct vision of the tip of the scalpel blade.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
3 Use of this product requires you to use the safety feature.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
4 This product does not require more time to use than a non-safety device.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
5 The safety feature works well with a wide variety of hand sizes.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
6 The device is easy to handle while wearing gloves.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
7 This device provides a better alternative to traditional scalpels.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
8 There is a clear and unmistakable change (audible or visible) that occurs when the safety feature is activated.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
9 The safety feature operates reliably.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
10 The safety feature has three positions: blade exposed, blade covered, blade permanently locked.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
11 After being placed in the permanently locked position the safety feature cannot be undone.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
12 This safety scalpel is no more difficult to use than non-safety scalpels.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
13 The user does not need extensive training for correct use of the product.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
14 The design of the product suggests proper use.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
15 It is not easy to skip a crucial step in proper use of the device.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
16 The product can be easily used in the right hand.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
17 The product can be easily used in the left hand.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
18 The product can be easily used in either hand.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
19 The use of the product does not require passing scalpel with the blade exposed.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
20 The handle is similar in size and weight to standard scalpel.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A
21 The scalpel handle has grips for stable handling.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Of the above questions, which three are the most important to your safety when using this product?

Are there other questions which you feel should be asked regarding the safety features of this product?