Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING DISTRIBUTION OF SAFETY SYRINGES

Abstract: A method for monitoring the distribution of safety syringes of the type having a disabling mechanism preventing re-use of the syringe includes the steps of, a) after using each syringe, disabling the syringe by removing a part necessary to the operation of the syringe, and b) collecting the removed parts to evidence that the syringes have not been sold or redistributed by the user.
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