

2 Look at the title of this article. Say what you think sharps injuries are. Then complete the article with the correct past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

### Eliminating sharps injuries in the OR: a hospital tells its success story

Many years ago a team at Wilfred Johnson Hospital (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (organise) a project to reduce the number of sharps injuries. The OR supervisor, the hospital safety officer and a general physician (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (participate) in the project. They first (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (review) the information about injuries from the year before. This (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (show) that there were too many injuries with sharps, so the team (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to write new 'sharps safety rules' to explain the importance of safety. The new policy (6) \_\_\_\_\_

(include) clear directions for the staff who (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (use) sharps. The hospital (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (purchase) large boxes and put them in each OR. The team also (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (create) a new 'sharps zone', where staff members (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) needles and knives on trays. After six months the number of sharps injuries (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (decrease). In 2008 the staff only (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (report) six sharps injuries. In 2009 the number (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (continue) to go down – to only three injuries!

7 | The hospital team