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!

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