**Appendix I: Audit tool**

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| *Audit criterion* | *Audit guide* | Yes | No | *Remark* |
| 1. Staff are educated about the safe use and disposal of sharps. | Used the questionnaire investigation to survey the knowledge, attitudes, and implementation of nurses. |  |  | Goal: Compliance> 90% |
| 2. Safety-engineered injection devices (such as syringes with shields or retractable needles, needles with safety features) are used. | Used the questionnaire investigation to survey the implementation of safety needle devices. |  |  | Goal: Compliance> 90% |
| 3. An organizational procedure detailing the correct safe use and disposal of needles exists. | Asked nurses whether they knew where to obtain information about the standard operation of safety devices. |  |  | Goal: Compliance> 90% |
| 4. Used needles are not recapped. | Used the questionnaire investigation to survey nurses on whether they had used needles that were not recapped within the last 2 months. |  |  | Goal: Compliance> 90% |
| 5. Used sharps are discarded into a sharps container at the point of use by the user. | Used the questionnaire investigation to survey nurses as to whether used sharps are discarded into a sharps container at the point of use within the last 2 months. |  |  | Goal: Compliance> 90% |