Lost needle: a simple search device for the operating room's floor.

BACKGROUND/AIMS: Needle-stick injuries provide a substantial threat in regard to health of victims and may cause extra costs to health systems. MATERIALS AND METHODS: We report on simple strategies to prevent a needle-stick injury by analysing search devices which can detect a lost needle. RESULTS: A magnetic device enables the surgeon as well as other staff members working in the operating room to locate a lost needle on the floor rapidly. For search in body cavities, X-ray examination is recommended. CONCLUSION: With simple methods, a lost needle can be found easily to prevent any harm for others in the future.

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