



A Better Way To Supplement Needle Count

A practical guide to help OR staff manage incorrect needle counts effectively and efficiently.



Save Time

Give surgeons a tool to find lost sharps while waiting for X-rays



Patient Safety

Potentially avoid retained surgical sharp events



Save Money

Enable OR efficiency



Minimize Risk

Help avoid hospital and physician reputation damage

Manual Search vs. MSF

In a miscount situation, the Melzi Sharps Finder (MSF) is superior to a manual search in determining the presence or absence in less time.¹

Ability	Manual Search	MSF
If needle present	22.2%	95.4%
Time to determine	3.9 mins	2.0 mins

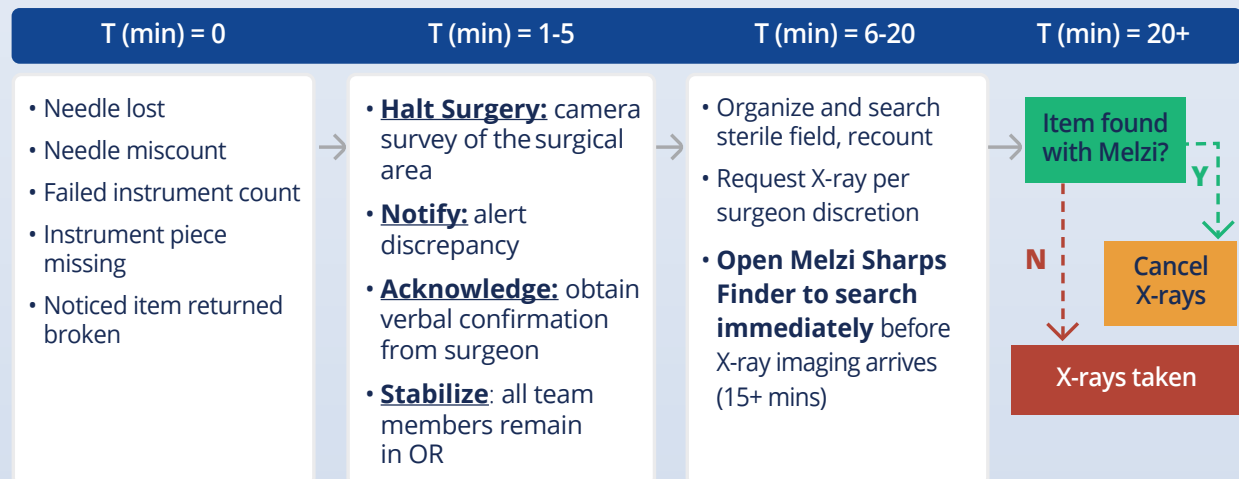
X-Ray vs. MSF

The MSF can detect needles that are unlikely visible in X-rays, avoiding the need to keep patients under prolonged anesthesia.²

	Large			Medium				Small		
Needle size	26 mm	22 mm	17 mm	15 mm	13 mm	11 mm	10 mm	9 mm	8 mm	7 mm
X-ray effectiveness	Detectable			Decreased Detection		Ineffective - DO NOT USE				
MSF	Detectable									

RSI Prevention Workflow with MSF

Suggested workflow to incorporate the MSF into the RSI prevention workflow.



The long-shaft MSF is leveraged in minimally invasive laparoscopic and robotic procedures via a 5mm trocar, while the short-shaft MSF is ergonomically designed for open surgery.

Multiphase preclinical assessment of a novel device to locate unintentionally retained surgical sharps: a proof-of-concept study

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Explore how one recent, multi-institutional peer-reviewed study on [Patient Safety in Surgery](#) reviewed the efficacy of the Melzi Sharps Finder (MSF) in a miscount setting. The MSF is an adjunct OR patient safety tool to locate lost sharps like needles and broken instrument pieces in vivo. Similar to using the sponge detection system, it helps potentially minimize the risk of retained surgical sharp (RSS) events!

Goals

By mimicking actual miscount events, the study aimed to:

1. Determine the presence/absence of RSS with/without MSF
2. Determine the ability to locate RSS
3. Determine the speed to locate RSS



Results



Increased accuracy in determining the presence or absence of RSS



Significantly higher success rate in locating the RSS



Much faster at locating the RSS



Results equivalent to using the C-arm X-ray with a trained radiologist onsite*

Key Takeaways

- The MSF outperformed other methods in detecting needle presence, absence, and location in ex-vivo and laparoscopic models.
- The MSF swiftly identifies lost sharps, saving time and eliminating prolonged patient anesthesia, while enabling faster OR turnover.

Want to dig a little deeper? Read our full article on this clinical study →



*The study compared the use of MSF to a C-arm X-Ray machine with a trained radiologist on-hand to interpret images immediately, an unlikely situation for the average OR. In the average OR, less effective traditional X-Ray technology is called when a miscount occurs, taking an average of an additional 45 minutes.³

“We used the Melzi Sharps Finder to search for lost needles a few times, and they were all successful. It has saved us time significantly, avoided X-rays, and decreased stress around a potential RSI event.”

OR Nurse

A University Medical Center with Magnet Designation on East Coast

“The ease of use makes it easy and safe during an emergency of a lost needle. My residents were able to just open the device and find it without any training.”

Chief of Staff

Urology Surgeon Top Academic Hospital on West Coast



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About Melzi

Melzi is a surgical device company dedicated to creating innovative technologies that improve patient outcomes while reducing hospital expenses. Our premiere product, the Melzi Sharps Finder (MSF), is a handheld tool that helps OR staff locate lost metallic sharps. The MSF is an ideal solution in case of a needle miscount or when uncountable items like instrument fragments are lost in vivo, supplementing current protocols with advanced detection.



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