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NOTICE TO ALL LICENSEES

Clean Needle Technique, 7th Edition (pg.197) specifically states:

Reuse of Single-Use Medical Devices. The reuse of single-use medical devices does not follow best practices for an AOM practice for devices that break the skin. Before the late 1970s most medical devices (including acupuncture needles) were considered reusable. However, the AIDS epidemic and the growing awareness of HBV infection associated with reusing medical sharps rendered such use unacceptable in the U.S. Reuse of single-use devices involves regulatory, ethical, medical, legal and economic issues. (12). No acupuncturist should reuse needles or other equipment that breaks the skin.