

Footpad injections

An alternative to holding the animal's foot between the worker's thumb and index finger while inserting the needle (see picture below) is shown below. In the picture on the left, you can see the close proximity of the needle tip to the worker's fingers. This is of particular concern when potentially infectious or recombinant material is used in the inoculum.

Animal handlers should consider using forceps to hold the animal's foot (see picture below). With practice, this method can become an acceptable means for delivering the inoculum. This alternative method may reduce the risk of accidental needlestick during the injection.

Common method:



Alternative method:



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