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(57) Abstract

A syringe (10) includes a barrel (13), a plunger (14), a needle assembly (20) and a dual use needle cap. The plunger is mounted to move within the barrel in a typical manner, and the needle assembly is typical in that it includes a generally cylindrical base with a needle attached to a base protruding away therefrom. The dual use needle cap (30) includes a before use portion integrated with, but separate from, an after use portion. The before use portion has an outer surface and an interior surface defining a sterile chamber sized to enclose the needle. The after use portion includes a living clamp (36) and a hood attached to the outer surface adjacent opposite ends of the dual use needle cap. The living clamp is sized to snap fit onto at least one of the syringe barrel or the needle assembly. The hood is sized to cover the tip (24) of the needle.

