

ABSTRACT**SHARPS CONTAINER**

A closure connectable to a receptacle. The closure comprises a base and a support extending upwardly from the base. The support defines a front opening and has a rear wall. A tray comprising a shelf and an inferiorly depending guard is also provided in the support, with the tray being at least partially rotatable relative to the support about a first axis, and when the tray is in a rearward position the guard blocks the front opening. The closure further comprises a shield comprising a main body extending from one edge to a free edge and having an upper surface and a lower surface. The shield is hingedly connected to the support with a flexible hinge formed in the main body of the shield at or adjacent the one edge of the shield and is pivotable between an open position in which the shield overlies the rear wall of the closure and a closed position in which the shield is secured to the closure to at least substantially cover the front opening wherein any relative rotatable movement of the tray is independent of movement of the shield between said open and closed positions.

FIG. 1