

CLAIM

1. A needle tip shield comprising:
 - a needle passageway formed through the needle tip shield for receiving a needle therethrough;
 - a tip shield interior space that receives a needle block therein, wherein the needle block comprises a V-clip, the tip shield interior space comprising an opening for inserting the needle block into the tip shield interior space; and
 - a fluid restriction member configured to restrict fluid leakage into and/or out of the needle tip shield, wherein the fluid restriction member comprises an anti-splatter member that inhibits fluid splatter when the needle block moves from an open position to a closed position within the tip shield interior space, wherein the anti-splatter member comprises a damping member and a stiffening member coupled to an inner surface of a V-portion of the V-clip, wherein the damping member is disposed in between the stiffening member and the V-clip.
2. The needle tip shield of claim 1, wherein:
 - the V-Clip is movable between the open position and the closed position, such that:
 - in the open position, the V-Clip allows a needle to advance distally through the needle passageway;
 - in the closed position, the V-Clip prevents the needle from advancing distally through the needle passageway; and
 - the damping member is coupled to the V-Clip to slow movement of the V-Clip as it moves from the open position to the closed position.
3. The needle tip shield of claim 2, wherein the damping member comprises a visco-elastic material.
4. The needle tip shield of claim 3, wherein the stiffening member is coupled to the visco-elastic material.