

**TABLE 3. Selected provision and safety characteristics of drug shop operators who sold the injectable contraceptive**

Characteristic	% or mean
<b>PERCENTAGES</b>	
<b>Took medical history of new clients before providing DMPA</b>	94
<b>Medical conditions/history asked about*,†</b>	
Pregnancy/menstruation	78
Heart condition/stroke/clot	47
Breast cancer	15
Unusual bleeding	41
Blood pressure/hypertension	10
Liver disease	19
<b>Disposal of used syringes immediately after injection‡</b>	
Sharps container	43
Open bowl/container	48
Pit latrine	7
Other/no response	2
<b>Had access to free sharps containers‡</b>	27
<b>Disposal of used syringes at the end of the day/when container was full†,‡</b>	
Bury	5
Pit latrine	51
Burn	54
Garbage pit	4
Taken by immunizers	1
<b>Had ≥1 needle-stick injury in previous 12 mos.‡</b>	24
<b>Had ≥1 patient with injection-related abscess in previous 12 mos.‡</b>	17
<b>Ever reused disposable syringe because of lack of supplies‡</b>	11
<b>MEANS</b>	
<b>No. of injections per week</b>	10.4
<b>Range</b>	0–50
<b>No. of DMPA injections per week‡</b>	3.2
<b>Range</b>	0–20

\*Of the 117 who took clients' medical history before providing DMPA.  
†Respondents could give more than one answer. ‡Of the 119 who inject DMPA. Note: DMPA=depot medroxyprogesterone acetate.