



Occupational Exposure and Non-malignant Respiratory Disease

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Message from the Guest Editors

Work-related respiratory diseases are an important public health issue and are avoidable through preventive interventions in the workplace. New occupational agents with unknown respiratory health effects are being constantly introduced into the market and require periodic health surveillance among exposed workers to detect early signs of adverse effects. In fact, inhalation of vapors, gas, dust, or fumes in the workplace is common worldwide, and it has an adverse effect on the worker's health. It is estimated that deaths from work-related respiratory diseases and malignancies account for about 70% of all occupational disease mortality.

These issues will be the subjects of our articles that will focus on airway diseases, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), interstitial lung diseases, and respiratory infectious diseases, including tuberculosis. Our attention is on nonmalignant respiratory diseases through new research highlighting the relations between occupational exposure and worker health. More information on this issue can be found at:

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