



Musculoskeletal Disorders: Prevention, Treatment and Healthcare

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Message from the Guest Editor

Musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) are a set of injuries and symptoms affecting the osteomuscular system and associated structures such as the bones, muscles, joints, tendons, nerves, and the circulatory system. Work-related MSDs (WMSDs) are the leading cause of occupational disabilities in both developed and developing countries, with rising costs of wage compensation and medical expenses, reduced productivity, and lower quality of life. In the USA, WMSDs amounted to 29–35% of occupational injuries and illness involving days away from work in 1992–2010. The total cost, was estimated to be USD 2.6 billion in 2007.

This Issue focuses on updating current knowledge on WMSDs, especially the relationships between risk factors and WMSDs. New articles, reviews, case studies and any studies relevant to WMSDs are also welcome.

- prevalence by industry and country
- symptoms by body parts
- assessment tools and their applications to industry
- intervention programs and their effects
- relationship between risk factors and specific WMSD diseases
- diagnosis method
- WMSD risk factors





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