
Maine Institute of Occupational Health Education

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1. How would you describe your practice?
- General Practice
- Family Practice
- Internal Medicine
- Emergency Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- OB/GYN
- Pulmonology
- Hematology/oncology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Other (specify):

2. How often would you estimate that you see visits for work-related injuries and illnesses in your practice?
- Never
- Rarely (once every 3 or 4 months)
- Occasionally (once or twice per month)
- Frequently (weekly or more)

3. Check the three most frequently seen work-related injuries or illnesses in your practice:
- Musculoskeletal injuries: sprains and strains to back, spine and extremities
- Repetitive motion injuries: tendinitis, carpal tunnel, etc.
- Lung diseases: asbestosis, lung cancer, occupational asthma, etc.
- Occupational cancers (other than lung): leukemia, bladder, liver, mesothelioma, etc.
- Toxic exposures: heavy metals, solvents, PCBs, etc.
- Soft tissue trauma: lacerations, contusions, etc.
- Cardiovascular diseases: hypertension, MI, etc.
- Reproductive disorders: infertility, spontaneous abortion, etc.
- Neurotoxic disorders: peripheral neuropathy, toxic encephalitis, etc.
- Noise-induced loss of hearing
- Eye injuries: foreign body, corneal abrasion, conjunctivitis, etc.
- Dermatologic conditions: dematoses, burns, etc.
- Psychologic disorders: neuroses, alcoholism, drug dependency, etc.
- Other:

4. Circle the illness or injury for which you have the hardest time finding information.

5. My patients frequently ask questions about the following work-related issues (Check all that apply):
- Trauma
- Lung diseases
- Respiratory irritants
- Repetitive motion
- Toxic exposures
- Reproductive disorders
- Returning to work following illness or injury
- I am rarely asked anything about work-related illness
- Other:

6. Where do you obtain needed information when trying to identify, diagnose, or treat an occupational illness or injury? (Check all that apply)
- Consulting physicians
- Journal articles
- Textbooks
- Computer databases
- Public health agencies: (Maine Bureau of Health, CDC, NIOSH)
- Rarely seek information
- Other:

7. Circle your most frequently used source of information in the list above.
8. How would you categorize the availability of occupational health information resources?
   - Many available, easy to use
   - Many available, difficult to use
   - Few available
   - Basically nonexistent

   Comments: ________________________________

9. How useful would a toll-free telephone information number providing expert occupational health information and consultation (similar to the Poison Control hotline) be to you in your practice?
   - Not useful at all
   - Somewhat useful
   - Very useful
   - Tremendously useful

10. What do you usually do when you are stumped by a suspected work-related case?
    (Check only one)
    - Seek in-state consultation
    - Seek out-of-state consultation
    - Send patient to a hospital-based or free-standing occupational health clinic
    - Other: ____________________________

11. When dealing with occupational injury or illness, what subject areas do you want to know more about? (Check all that apply)
    - Taking an appropriate occupational history
    - Determining work-relatedness of illness or injury
    - Causation and diagnosis of occupational illness/injury
    - Disease and exposure patterns within the community
    - Toxicological principles (exposure, latency, dose-response, etc.)
    - Assessing impairment and/or disability
    - Developing appropriate treatment plans (medicines, PT, light duty)
    - Role of primary care providers in the workers' compensation system
    - Prevention of occupational illness or injury
    - Specific diseases or conditions (list): _______________________
    - Other: _______________________________________

12. If you ranked all your continuing education needs, occupational health would fall:
    - At or near the top
    - In the middle
    - At or near the bottom

13. I am likely to use the following for continuing medical education (check all that apply):
    - Grand rounds/hospital rounds
    - Case conferences at community hospitals on occupationally-related illness
    - Week-long "mini-residency" on occupational illness
    - Day-long conference
    - Videotaped educational session
    - Self-education module
    - Other: _____________________________

14. Circle the education format above that you would most prefer. (63) ________________________

Thank you for your time and effort in completing this questionnaire.