

A web site to follow-up literature in occupational health for healthcare workers

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Objectives: Due to the overwhelming amount of publications, literature follow up in occupational medicine is more and more complicated and time demanding. In order to facilitate the identification of the relevant information by the occupational physicians, we have started 2 years ago a literature follow-up concerning occupational health of healthcare workers.

Audience

- All occupational health professionals involved in occupational health for health care workers
- Health care workers themselves, including physicians, for improving their knowledge on their own risks

Key Messages

The literature follow up is actualized weekly

It contains 1,425 references, 25% with a link to the full text and 67% in English

This literature follow up is freely accessible on a web-site (<http://www.chu-rouen.fr/mtph>).

A mailing list and RSS are also available.

Methods

■ A team of two medical librarians gather daily all information possibly relevant from :

- a list of websites involved in occupational health,
- bibliographic databases (mainly Pubmed and BDSP)
- the sites of the major medical journals.
- French governmental websites, for laws and regulations

All documents retrieved are examined by a senior occupational physician who selects the most important documents, *i.e.* those which bring valuable and accurate information.

Approximately 60% of retrieved documents are included in our database and posted on the web-site

Selected references are grouped into categories (*e.g.* infectious diseases, allergy, or ionizing radiations). The list of the different categories is available in english.

They are published weekly on a specific website (<http://www.chu-rouen.fr/mtph>) and posted on a mailing list created for this purpose.

A search engine is proposed on the website.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.chu-rouen.fr/mtph>. The page title is 'Veille documentaire : Médecine du travail du personnel hospitalier' and the subtitle is '- Literature Follow-up : occupational health for Healthcare Workers -'. The page features a navigation menu on the left with categories like 'Accueil', 'Fiches d'évaluation des risques biologiques en milieu de soins', 'Recherche d'articles', 'Liste de diffusion', 'Archives', 'Liens', 'Flux RSS', and 'English'. The main content area displays two articles. The first article is titled 'Un nouveau test d'aide au diagnostic et à l'évaluation de l'asthme professionnel : l'expectoration induite' and is dated 1 avril 2008. The second article is titled 'Screening for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Using Spirometry: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement' and is dated 4 mars 2008. The page also includes a 'Pages >' section with a list of categories such as 'Articles en accès libre', 'Allergies', 'Bonnes pratiques', 'Conditions de travail et santé psychologique', 'Hygiène et gestion des risques', 'Infections nosocomiales', 'Risques biologiques', 'Accident d'exposition au sang', 'Contamination soignant-soigné', 'Transmission aérienne', 'Transmission de contact', 'Vaccination', 'Risques chimiques', 'Risques physiques', 'Rayonnements', 'Troubles musculo-squelettiques', 'Violence', 'Autres', and 'Veille juridique'. There is also a 'Meta >' section with 'Admin. du Site' and 'Déconnexion'.

Conclusions

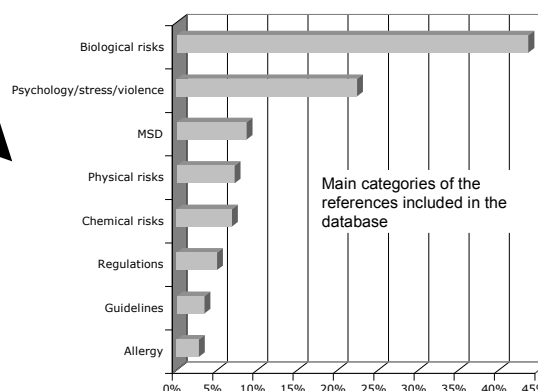
• The website has nearly 9000 visits per month.

• The mailing list, opened to everyone, includes more than 100 occupational health professionals, worldwide (<https://listes.crihan.fr/wws/subrequ est/mtph>).

• This follow up intends to help occupational health professionals involved in occupational health for healthcare workers to keep their knowledge up-to-date.

• It can also be helpful for students in occupational medicine since it displays reliable and relevant information.

• We hope that healthcare workers will find on the website information on their own risks, which is part of a risk management process



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