

Hazards of Hospital Work

- Transmittal of infection from patients
- Puncture wounds from syringes
- Exposure to toxic chemicals
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Anesthetics
 - Disinfectants
 - Solvents
 - Other
- Sprains and back injuries (which account for one-half of all claims filed by hospital employees)
- Physical/emotional burnout
 - Owing to
 - Stress
 - Shift work
 - Life-or-death situations and decisions
 - Leading to
 - Spouse/family relationship problems
 - Depression
 - Alcoholism
 - Suicide
 - Absenteeism
 - Claims
 - Coping until relief arrives
- Chronic exposure to ionizing radiation
 - Health care responsible for most of human-made radiation exposure
 - Education or training of staff about the hazards of radiation exposure and how best to avoid them
 - Care of patients with radioactive implements
 - Exposure to radioisotopes in hospital laboratories