

## HEADLINES

### TO KEEP IN MIND

**Adaptations in terms of radioprotection and consequences for access to dosimetric data**

The regulatory changes relating to radioprotection lead to questions relating to patient confidentiality and the role of the person responsible for radioprotection.

**Questionnaire to assess whether an INRS training programme on "Occupational allergies" is of interest**

This short questionnaire is also available on-line, and will be used to gather information on what occupational health care professionals expect from a training programme relating to occupational allergies.

**Decree of 6 May 2013 relating to agricultural work requiring increased medical monitoring**

This relates to work for which specific requirements or risks exist. The decree of 20 October 2004 is abrogated.

**Decree of 20 June 2013 setting out the model for the aptitude for work form (131)**

As a result of changes to regulations, in particular relating to increased medical monitoring, the model for the aptitude for work form has been modified.

**Decree No. 2013-607 of 9 July 2013 relating to protection against biohazards, to which some workers may be exposed due to sharps, modifying the provisions relating to the protection of those working in hyperbaric medicine**

This text transposes the European directive on the prevention of injuries by sharps in the hospital and care settings.

### INRS INNOVATIONS

### CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

## KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

### BROAD VIEW

**Idiopathic environmental intolerance attributed to electromagnetic fields**

Presentation of the clinical symptoms and management of this syndrome in an occupational setting, after a summary of the main physical characteristics of non-ionising radiation.

### FIELD VIEW

**Exposure of interventional radiology practitioners: added value of capillaroscopy**

Morphological alterations to capillaries suggest that systematic monitoring of the extremities in these professionals and a reduction of exposure could be useful.

**Inaptitude for work due to mental distress in the workplace: frequency and accessibility of psychosocial risk prevention**

A retrospective study identifies the frequency of the psychosocial risk factors leading to inaptitude for work, and the factors for which preventive action could have been taken

**SUMER: exposure to chemical carcinogens in 2010**

Around 10% of workers are exposed to chemical carcinogens, mostly manual labourers and workers in the maintenance and construction sectors.

## **PRACTICES AND PROFESSIONS**

### **Literature search on the risks linked to ionising radiation**

This article provides a selection of the most relevant information and presents a method to research the risks linked to ionising radiation.

### **Suicide and suicidal behaviour. Identification and perspectives for management**

How to identify and assess this behaviour, and availability of a specialised care network allowing rapid, appropriate orientation of the worker in distress.

## **FOLLOWED FOR YOU**

### **Sick leave: from analysis to returning to work**

Absenteeism is an indicator of how companies function. This seminar, organised by the Institut national de médecine agricole, establishes a technical-medical and sociological panorama of sick leave.

### **Prevention of infections passed from mother to child**

Occupational health professionals should be aware of how to prevent and manage the infections affecting pregnancy.

### **Occupational allergies. INRS 2013 conference on research into occupational health**

Allergies are invalidating diseases which are often underestimated. Advances in epidemiology, toxicology, immunology, metrology and prevention were discussed during this conference.

## **CLOSE-UP**

### **Infectious risks linked to laser smoke: example of human papillomavirus**

Medical personnel may be exposed to this virus by inhalation of surgical smoke. The results of a survey were used to identify preventive options.

# **REFERENCE TOOLS**

## **PSYCHOSOCIAL HAZARDS**

### ***Ways of Coping Checklist (WCC)***

This tool can be used to measure adaptation or adjustment strategies implemented in response to a stressful event or situation.

### **VT (Vécu du travail) questionnaire**

This questionnaire assesses the psychosocial impact of work and occupational stress.

## **YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS**

### **Working on a screen measuring less than 13 inches**

The use of small screens is increasingly common. It can lead to postural constraints and visual fatigue.

### **First aid at work specialists and hypoglycaemia**

When confronted with a diabetic worker under insulin treatment in a hypoglycaemic state with loss of consciousness, can the first aid at work specialist administer subcutaneous glucagon?

### **Occupational massages using essential oils**

What are the reprotoxic risks run by a pregnant beautician who uses essential oils as part of her work?

# **WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## **TRAINING**

## **FOR YOUR PERUSAL**

**Selection of books and articles**

## **LEGAL**

**Official texts relating to occupational health and safety, published between 1st April and 15th July 2013**