



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Dear Physician:

All work-related diseases are reportable diseases in Connecticut (C.G.S. 31-40a), and we appreciate the contributions of those physicians who have submitted reports. This is to provide you with the **Physician's Report of Occupational Disease** form, which has been revised based on provider comments.

The occupational disease reports, which are sent first to the Department of Labor (DOL) and then forwarded to the Department of Public Health (DPH), are strictly confidential. DPH analyzes the information in the Occupational Disease Surveillance System on a continuing basis so that occupational disease clusters and trends can be recognized and appropriate action taken to prevent further outbreaks of disease.

What needs to be reported? By statute, all disease that is work-related (i.e. caused by or exacerbated by the workplace) needs to be reported. **It is particularly important to report all cases of work-related illness which are potentially preventable.** The new form provides check-offs for frequently occurring occupational disease conditions, including repetitive trauma, respiratory diseases, infectious processes, chemical poisonings, skin diseases, and noise disorders.

For each case of work-related illness, please complete a copy of the attached "Physician's Report of Occupational Disease."

Reports to the DOL/DPH should be submitted regardless of a worker's decision to file a workers' compensation claim, if the physician is of the opinion that the worker's condition may be caused by or exacerbated by his or her workplace.

If you have additional questions or need more information on occupational diseases or other assistance to meet these reporting requirements, please feel free to contact the DPH Occupational Health Unit at (860) 509-7742.

Sincerely,

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