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Comments

I commend you on your efforts to discover best practices in OHS for healthcare. Our clients will benefit greatly. A few comments:

- 1) Since Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD) are the most common injury in healthcare I think more effort should be placed in determining best practices. I see that you cover ergonomics issues in the core module and management questionnaires but not in hazard module J.
- 2) Perhaps an entire "hazard module" could be devoted to MSD or ergonomics.
- 3) In the management questionnaire, under 'ergonomics' I recommend that you ask: Has a formal ergonomics risk assessment been conducted on high risk jobs? This is different than ques A39- Job Analysis. Perhaps you can ask them to list the name of the MSD risk assessment tools that they used.
- 4) In the management questionnaire, under 'ergonomics' question A41- Back Belts. I wonder why this question is asked. It suggests that back belts are a "best practice". But they are definitely NOT a best practice to reduce MSD. It's also mentioned in ques 54 of the core module questionnaire.

I look forward to seeing the results.

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