



ASSOCIATION
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IN HEALTHCARE

Dedicated to the health and safety of healthcare workers

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Maryam I. Daneshvar
CDC Acting Reports Clearance Officer
1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74
Atlanta, GA 30333

Re: NIOSH Proposed Project: Survey of Healthcare Workers' Health and Safety Practices

Dear Ms. Daneshvar:

The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Survey of Healthcare Workers' Health and Safety Practices. AOHP supports this first of a kind study to gather data on a variety of hazardous chemicals/agents in the healthcare setting.

We support the methodology recommended for data collection. A survey design that is concise, yet yields the needed data will be essential in obtaining responses that will yield benchmarking data.

The establishment of benchmarking data related to healthcare hazard work practices is often sought after by healthcare administrators, our members and specialty organizations/associations involved with their use. The availability of benchmarking data would enable our members to establish evidence-based best practices within facilities.

AOHP is a national organization of occupational health professionals who work in healthcare settings, primarily hospitals. AOHP's vision is to be the defining resource and leading advocate for occupational health and safety in healthcare. Our mission is dedicated to promoting the health and safety of workers in healthcare. This is accomplished through:

- **Advocating** for employee health and safety
- **Occupational health education** and networking opportunities
- **Health and safety advancement** through best practice and research
- **Partnering** with employers, regulatory agencies and related associations.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this document. Please contact MaryAnn Gruden, our Association Community Liaison, if additional information or questions arise. She can be reached at 412/578-6792 or by email at magaohp@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sandra Prickitt', is written in black ink.

Sandra Prickitt,
AOHP Executive President