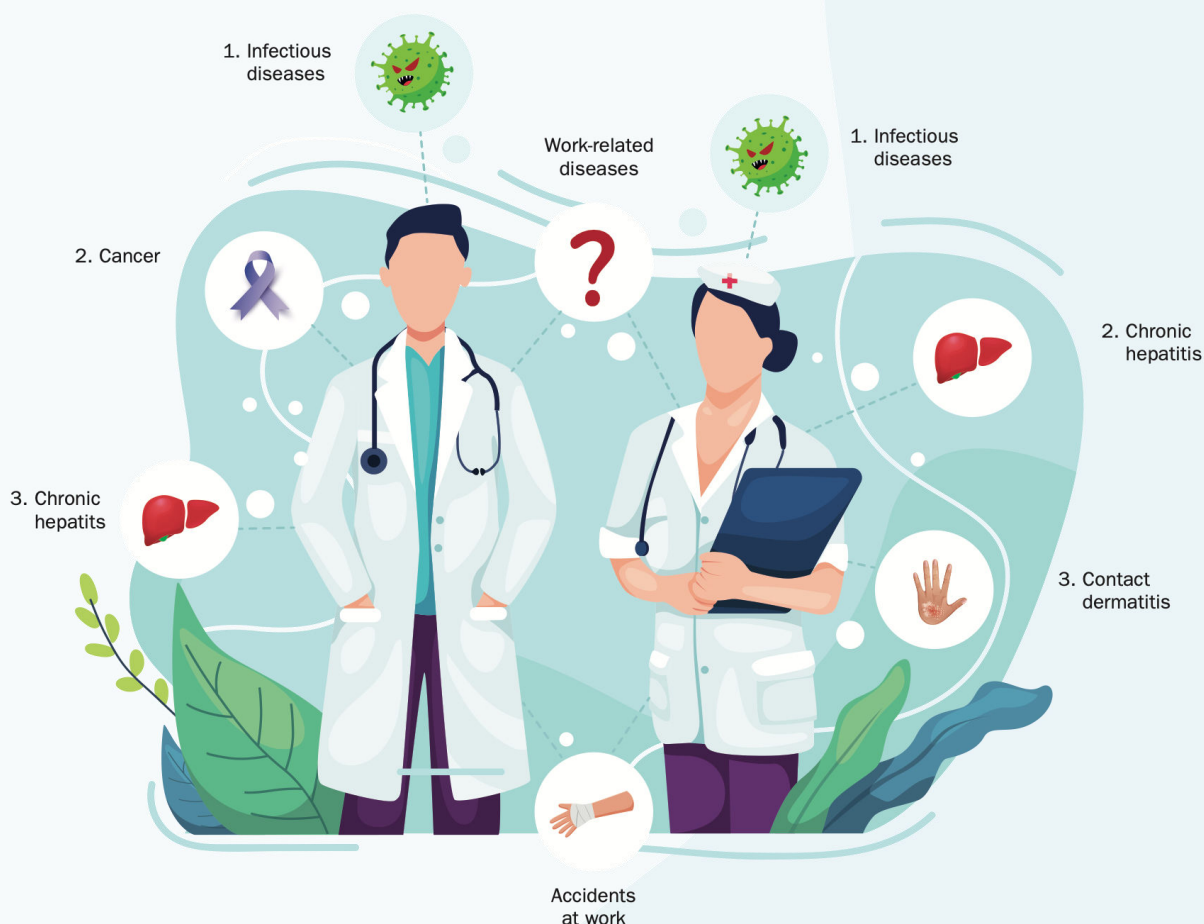


DO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AGE HEALTHY?

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Introduction and objectives

Healthcare became one of the most dangerous industries. The number of recognised occupational diseases and accidents at work for the healthcare are among the highest of all industries. The question remains, do healthcare professionals age healthy?

Methods

Registry of Occupational Diseases and Registry of Accidents at Work were searched to identify relevant data on occupational diseases and accidents at work in healthcare and social services sector. Additionally, the occupational diseases data were searched to identify recognized occupational diseases for doctors and nurses in the 2009-2019 period. Various data sources were investigated to find information on work-related diseases as well as other types of chronic diseases for healthcare professionals.

Conclusion

In the 2009-2019 period, a total of 27 doctors had recognized occupational diseases. The average age was 48.19. The most common recognized occupational diseases were various acute infectious diseases, followed by occupational cancer and chronic hepatitis. In the same period a total of 73 nurses had recognized

occupational diseases. The average age was 46.52. The most common recognized occupational diseases were various acute infectious diseases, chronic hepatitis and irritative contact dermatitis. A total of 1775 accidents at work were recognized for healthcare professionals (out of total 18 724) in 2018. The majority of accidents were falling down, as a result of moving with the outcome distortions, sprains and strains of the upper limbs, most commonly fingers. The data about work-related diseases as well as other types of chronic diseases for healthcare professionals were not publically available.

Results

Results provided do not necessarily show the actual numbers of occupational diseases and accidents at work. We found no data on the number of work-related diseases as well as other types of chronic diseases for healthcare professionals. Literature suggests that up to 95% of population suffers from some type of work-related diseases by the age of 55.