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In the past, much work-related illness involved relatively major but more challenging. Since many confounders can limit the precision of exposure to toxic agents with effects that tended to be acute and such studies, their value will be increased if findings can be paralleled by severe. As occupational hazards have been increasingly recognized and results from experimental animal models. Such substantiation and regulated, the incidence of such events has declined. However, these strengthen a suspected link between a specific exposure and any pathological outcome. The almost invariable epidemiological is an increasing recognition of the long-term health consequences and conclusions that "more work needs to be done" will not be indefinitely low-level exposures to harmful agents. Illness incurred by this means can be difficult to diagnose as their expression may be delayed long and acceptable. Occupational medicine increasingly relates to the health a er exposure, and may coincide with many common conditions e ects of the general environment. There is a gradual transition from high dose exposures, to more subtle effects of prolonged low-level exposure on health. Since such chronic changes can mimic or not involving work exposure. For example Parkinson's disease has been also prevalent in the general population. The future of occupational medicine will thus increasingly overlap with more environmentally interact with other diseases or the avie i as n m (s) 5 (t) e n s i t a s d e m

widespread issues. This will make epidemiological studies important

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