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## INTERIM MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO WEAR A RESPIRATOR

INSTRUCTIONS: Please answer all questions honestly and completely. Questions are for record keeping purposes and to check for heart or lung disease that may place you at risk of becoming ill when you wear a respirator. Information will be kept confidential and will be reviewed by professional medical personnel only. If you wish to talk to the Health Care Professional who will be reviewing this questionnaire, please call MSU Occupational Health at 353-9137.

Name:	
_____	_____
Last	First
_____	
Middle	
Address:	
_____	_____
Street	City
_____	_____
State	Zip
Home Phone: ( ) _____	
ZPID or APID:	Date of Birth:
Department:	Job Title:
Phone number we can reach you at work:	Supervisor:
Were you ever an MSU Student? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, Student #: _____	
Height: (without shoes) _____	
Weight: (without shoes) _____	

1. Yes  No  Have you ever smoked cigarettes? ("Yes" means more than 20 packs of cigarettes or 12 oz. of tobacco in your life)

**IF "YES," ANSWER QUESTIONS 1a-4e. IF "NO," SKIP TO QUESTION 2.**

- Yes  No  1a. Do you smoke now?
- 1b. How old were you when you started smoking regularly? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1c. If you stopped, how old were you when you stopped? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1d. On the average, how many packs per day have you smoked for the length of time you smoked? \_\_\_\_\_
- 1e. How many packs per day do you smoke now? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Yes  No  Have you ever had a back injury?

3. Do you currently have any of the following musculoskeletal problems?

- Yes  No  3a. Weakness in any of your arms, hands, legs, or feet
- Yes  No  3b. Back pain
- Yes  No  3c. Difficulty fully moving your head up or down
- Yes  No  3d. Pain or stiffness when you lean forward or backward at the waist
- Yes  No  3e. Difficulty fully moving your head side to side
- Yes  No  3f. Difficulty fully bending at your knees
- Yes  No  3g. Difficulty squatting to the ground
- Yes  No  3h. Difficulty climbing a flight of stairs or a ladder while carrying more than 25 lbs.
- Yes  No  3i. Any other muscle or skeletal problem that might interfere with using a respirator

**IF "YES", PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

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4. Yes  No  Have you worn a respirator since completing your last respirator questionnaire?

**IF "YES," ANSWER QUESTIONS 4a-4m.**

**IF "NO," SKIP TO QUESTION 5.**

4a. How often do wear a respirator? (for example: 3 times per week, 10 times per month)  
\_\_\_\_\_ per week \_\_\_\_\_ per month \_\_\_\_\_ per year

4b. How long do you typically wear your respirator without taking it off? (for example: 15 min., .5 hours, 1 hour, 4 hours)

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4c. What duties do you perform while using the respirator? (for example: painting, applying pesticides, cleaning, asbestos removal, etc...)

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4d. Briefly describe your working environment while wearing your respirator. (For example: research lab, farm area, steam tunnel, penthouse, etc...)

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4e. What type of respirator do you wear? (check **all** that apply)

- Disposable paper dust mask with 1 strap
- Disposable paper dust mask with 2 straps (Fig. A)
- Disposable organic vapor mask (Fig. B)
- Disposable organic vapor/acid gas mask (Fig. B)
- Reusable half-face mask (Fig. C.)
- Reusable full-face mask (Fig. D)
- Powered air purifying respirator (Fig. E)
- Full-face respirator with an air-line
- Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- Air-line w/ total body suit
- Other (please specify)



Fig. A



Fig. B



Fig. C



Fig. D



Fig. E

4f. Indicate, with a check, whether your usual workload level while you are wearing a respirator is resting, light, moderate, or heavy. Also, indicate with a check, whether your maximum workload level while you are wearing a respirator is resting, light, moderate, or heavy.

Usual      Max.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Resting</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Light</b> (examples include)—sitting at ease, light hand work, hand and arm work (small bench tools, inspecting, assembly, or sorting of light materials), arm and leg work. Standing: drill press (small parts), milling machine (small parts), machining with light power tools.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Moderate</b> (examples include)—hand and arm work (nailing, filing), arm and leg work (off road operation of trucks or construction equipment), arm and trunk work (air hammer operation, tractor assembly, plastering, intermittent handling of moderately heavy materials, weeding, hoeing, pushing or pulling light weight cars or wheelbarrows). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Heavy</b> (examples include)—heavy arm and trunk work, transferring heavy materials, shoveling, sledge hammer work, sawing, hand mowing, digging, axe work, climbing stairs or ramps, jogging, running, pushing or pulling heavily loaded carts or wheelbarrows, chipping castings, concrete block laying.   |

Have you ever had any of the following problems when you wore a respirator?

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Yes                      | No                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4g. Eye irritation?   |
| Yes                      | No                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4h. Skin allergies or rashes?   |
| Yes                      | No                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4i. Anxiety?  |
| Yes                      | No                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4j. Persistent general weakness or fatigue?   |
| Yes                      | No                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4k. Any other problems that interfere with your use of a respirator?<br>If yes, what? |
| Yes                      | No                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4l. Describe any other difficulties that you had using the respirator?                |
| Yes                      | No                       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4m. Were you unable to use the respirator because of these difficulties?              |
| 5.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a fear of tight or enclosed places (claustrophobia)?                      |
| 6.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a sensation of smothering?  |
| 7.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a ruptured ear drum?  |
| 8.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you wear contact lenses?   |

9. Yes  No  Do you wear glasses?
10. Yes  No  Have you ever had to have medical treatment for heat exhaustion or heat stroke?
11. Yes  No  Have you had a breathing test since completing your first respirator questionnaire?

**IF "YES", WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?**

Normal \_\_\_\_\_ Abnormal \_\_\_\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_

12. Yes  No  Have you had an electrocardiogram since completing your last respirator questionnaire?
- IF "YES", WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?**

Normal \_\_\_\_\_ Abnormal \_\_\_\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_

13. Yes  No  Do you consider yourself to be in good health?
- IF "NO", STATE REASONS:**

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14. Yes  No  Do you have any defect of vision (other than corrective lenses)?
- IF "YES", STATE THE NATURE OF THE DEFECT:**

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15. Yes  No  Do you have any defect of hearing?
- IF "YES", STATE THE NATURE OF THE DEFECT:**

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16. Have you ever had any of the following conditions?

Yes  No  16a. Epilepsy (or fits, seizures, convulsions)?

Yes  No  16b. Rheumatic Fever?

Yes  No  16c. Kidney Disease?

Yes  No  16d. Bladder Disease?

Yes  No  16e. Diabetes?

**IF "YES," Check treatment(s):**  DIET  PILLS  INSULIN

Yes  No  16f. Allergic reactions that interfere with your breathing?

Yes  No  16g. Jaundice?

Yes  No  16h. Trouble smelling odors?

17. Have you ever had any of the following lung conditions?

Yes  No  17a. Chronic bronchitis

Yes  No  17b. Pneumonia

Yes  No  17c. Tuberculosis

- Yes No  
  17d. Silicosis  
 Yes No  
  17e. Pneumothorax (ruptured or collapsed lung)  
 Yes No  
  17f. Lung cancer  
 Yes No  
  17g. Emphysema  
 Yes No  
  17h. Asthma
18. Do you currently have any of the following symptoms of pulmonary or lung illness?
- Yes No  
  18a. Shortness of breath that interferes with your job  
 Yes No  
  18b. Coughing that produces phlegm (thick sputum)  
 Yes No  
  18c. Coughing that wakes you early in the morning  
 Yes No  
  18d. Coughing that occurs mostly when you are lying down  
 Yes No  
  18e. Coughing up blood in the last month  
 Yes No  
  18f. Wheezing that interferes with your job  
 Yes No  
  18g. Chest pain when you breathe deeply  
 Yes No  
  18h. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to lung problems
19.   Since completing your last respirator questionnaire have you had any other chest illness?  
**IF "YES", PLEASE SPECIFY:**
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20. Yes No  
  Since completing your last respirator questionnaire have you had any surgery on your chest?  
**IF "YES", PLEASE SPECIFY:**
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21. Yes No  
  Since completing your last respirator questionnaire have you had any chest injuries?  
**IF "YES", PLEASE SPECIFY:**
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22. Since completing your last respirator have you had any of the following cardiovascular or heart problems?
- Yes No  
  22a. Stroke?  
 Yes No  
  22b. Angina? (heart pain)  
 Yes No  
  22c. Heart failure?  
 Yes No  
  22d. Swelling in your legs or feet (not caused by walking)?  
 Yes No  
  22e. Heart arrhythmia (heart beating irregularly)?
23.   Since completing your last respirator questionnaire has a doctor told you that you had a heart attack?

24. Yes  No  Since completing your last respirator questionnaire has a doctor told you that you had any other kind of heart trouble?  
**IF "YES," PLEASE SPECIFY:**

25. Yes  No  Do you have irregular or skipped heartbeats?

26. What was your most recent blood pressure? \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
**You must provide a blood pressure reading done within the past year. If you have not had a blood pressure reading in the last year, have a blood pressure taken and record the result on the questionnaire before sending the questionnaire to the Occupational Health Clinic. You may also call the Occupational Health Clinic (353-9137) to schedule a time to have your blood pressure taken and you may return the questionnaire at that time.**

27. Yes  No  Has a doctor ever told you that you had high blood pressure?

28. Yes  No  Have you had any treatment for high blood pressure (hypertension) in the past ten years?  
**IF "YES," PLEASE LIST WHAT MEDICATION(S) YOU TAKE FOR YOUR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE:**

29. Yes  No  Do you ever have wheezy or whistling sounds in your chest?

**IF "YES", ANSWER QUESTIONS 29A-29C. IF "NO", SKIP TO 30.**

Yes  No  29a. When you have a cold

Yes  No  29b. Occasionally, apart from a cold

Yes  No  29c. Most days or nights

**IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTIONS A, B, OR C, THEN ANSWER QUESTION 29D.**

Yes  No  29d. How many years has this been present? \_\_\_\_\_

30. Yes  No  Are you troubled by shortness of breath when hurrying on the level or walking up a slight hill?

31. Yes  No  Do you have to walk slower than other people your age do on the level because of breathlessness?

32. Yes  No  Do you ever have to stop for breath when walking at your own pace on the level?

33. Yes  No  Do you ever have to stop for breath after walking about 100 yards (or after a few minutes) on the level?

34. Yes  No  Are you too breathless to leave the house or too breathless when you get dressed or climb the stairs?

35. When was your last general medical examination? \_\_\_\_\_

36. List all medications you take on a regular basis (include those you can buy without a prescription). If you don't know the name, list what the pill is for (i.e., "heart pill" or "water pill"). Use back if more room is needed.

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37. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart symptoms?
- 37a. Pain or tightness in your chest that interferes with your job
- 37b. Heartburn or indigestion that is not related to eating
- 37c. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to heart or circulation problems.
- IF "YES," PLEASE SPECIFY:**

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**Within the past three months:**

38. Yes No  
  Have you had any pain or discomfort in your chest?
39. Yes No  
  Have you ever had any pressure or heaviness in your chest?  
**IF "YES" TO EITHER QUESTIONS 38 OR 39, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.  
IF "NO" TO QUESTIONS 38 AND 39, SKIP TO QUESTION 46.**
40. Yes No  
  Do you get pain, discomfort, pressure, or heaviness when you walk uphill or hurry?  
 I never hurry or walk uphill
41. Yes No  
  Do you get pain, discomfort, pressure, or heaviness when you walk at an ordinary pace on level ground?
42. What do you do if you get pain, discomfort, pressure, or heaviness while you are walking?  
 Stop or slow down  
 Take nitroglycerine  
 Keep going, without slowing down
43. If you stand still or sit down, what happens to this pain or discomfort?  
 Not relieved  Relieved
44. Yes No  
  Did you see a doctor because of this pain or discomfort?  
IF "YES," WHAT DID HE/SHE SAY IT WAS?
45. If disabled from walking by any condition other than heart or lung disease, describe the nature of the condition(s):
46. Yes No  
  Would you like to talk to the health care professional that will review this questionnaire about your answers to this questionnaire?

You are done! Please email, fax or mail this completed questionnaire: email: [occhealth@msu.edu](mailto:occhealth@msu.edu) , Fax: (517) 355-0332. or mail to: MSU Occupational Health, 463 East Circle Drive, Room 123 Olin Health Center, East Lansing, MI 48824.