**Medical Surveillance**

**Summary:** Medical surveillance is the process of evaluating the health of employees as it relates to their potential occupational exposures to hazardous agents. EH&S determines which job classifications require medical surveillance. Inclusion in the medical surveillance program is based on industrial hygiene/safety surveys in which exposures to various stressors were evaluated. Cal/OSHA standards trigger medical surveillance procedures if an employee is exposed to a certain action level for a specific frequency of time. Laboratory-scale operations conducted in research labs at Stanford rarely trigger medical surveillance.

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| Determine if laboratory personnel require medical surveillance: | Some laboratory activities that might trigger medical surveillance include:  
  • Work with laboratory animals  
  • Use of a respirator  
  • Work with lasers  
  • Work with blood borne pathogens  
  • Work with carcinogens  
  • Work with noise-producing equipment that exceeds 85 dBA as an 8 hr-time weighted average.  
  Contact EH&S’s OH&S Program to determine if inclusion in the medical surveillance program is required (call 723-0448). |
| Set up a medical surveillance appointment: | 1. Call SU Occupational Health Center at x5-5308 to arrange for a medical appointment.  
  2. Return for any follow-up examinations or vaccinations as directed by medical provider. |