

Table 3 Occupational disease data by type of disease and year, 1999-2003

Type of disease [9]	Number of claims [1,5]						Days lost 1999-2003 [2,5]	Claim costs 1999-2003 (\$000) [3,4,5]
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Total		
Reaction to HIV treatment (Needlestick injury)	114	75	63	34	39	325	5,443	512
Reaction to HIV treatment (Exposure to bodily fluid)	57	42	31	22	24	177	3,747	833
Needlestick injury [6]	18	21	27	28	14	108	1,118	111
Allergic reaction	15	20	40	15	16	106	2,208	790
Cancer: asbestos	32	31	34	40	34	171	55,732	32,897
Cancer: other	6	8	13	7	6	40	9,052	11,366
Chemical burns	355	371	387	311	327	1,751	15,491	2,872
Conjunctivitis	31	46	23	21	10	130	886	90
Dermatitis	214	201	180	177	146	917	24,306	4,509
Non-traumatic noise-induced hearing loss [7]	438	539	501	504	229	2,211	108	13,578
Other hearing loss [7]	41	34	37	24	30	166	4,807	1,283
Infected blister	5	20	6	4	8	42	670	74
Hepatitis	2	2	1	5	2	12	2,747	661
Norwalk	0	0	5	0	12	17	207	10
SARS-including quarantine	0	0	0	0	1	1	185	8
Other infectious disease	101	45	46	53	51	296	6,152	889
Bursitis: repetitive motion	714	649	603	555	538	3,059	303,915	45,575
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,667	1,593	1,482	1,218	1,280	7,240	559,439	78,562
Carpal tunnel syndrome	567	484	413	406	406	2,276	309,030	47,514
Asbestosis	18	24	29	21	27	119	5,880	16,303
Silicosis	5	2	2	0	1	10	675	4,344
Other pneumoconiosis	0	0	3	0	1	4	452	443
Scleroderma	2	2	0	0	2	6	1,316	4,514
Poisoning	148	115	142	102	72	579	10,269	4,215
Arc flash and related	204	230	129	114	115	792	1,847	992
Other radiation effect	4	3	0	1	1	9	265	871
Raynaud's phenomenon	12	10	11	9	28	70	3,406	9,718
Cedar dust asthma	10	10	18	10	14	62	4,610	7,551

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Other asthma	49	61	50	47	36	243	9,826	10,206
Bronchitis and related	2	0	2	1	1	6	1,361	2,430
Other respiratory irritation	239	225	175	175	138	952	22,278	17,018
Stress	460	442	434	408	329	2,072	208,805	33,635
Cold	22	14	15	12	12	75	4,742	1,166
Heat	12	10	16	16	15	69	704	333
Cardiovascular	13	11	12	9	8	53	7,076	9,251
Voice disturbance	7	12	13	4	5	41	4,002	956
Other occupational disease	78	71	35	48	55	287	27,856	8,963
Total	5,660	5,425	4,978	4,401	4,033	24,497	1,620,613	375,041

1. The 'number of claims' is the count of claims first paid short-term disability (STD) benefits, long-term disability (LTD) benefits, or survivor benefits in the period. Claims with only health care benefits are not included in the count.
2. The 'days lost' are days paid in the period for all years of injury.
3. The 'claim costs' are expressed in thousands of dollars.
4. The 'claim costs' are the dollars of STD benefits paid in the period, plus the value of the LTD and survivor reserves and awards set up in the period (regardless of the year the claim was counted). The 'claim costs' exclude health care and rehabilitation costs.
5. For 1999-2000, the counts, costs, and days statistics have been adjusted for the effect of uncoded claims. These adjusted figures are rounded and shown as whole numbers; as a result, these numbers may not add up to the row and column totals shown, as the totals are rounded independently. For 2001 and later years, no adjustments for uncoded claims are applied. Uncoded claims are excluded from the above table for these years; as a result, the totals in this table may differ slightly from the 'Occupational Disease' category in Table 4-4 of *WorkSafeBC Statistics*.
6. 'Needlestick injury' pertains to claims where the worker suffered a needlestick injury with or without reaction to treatment, but did not develop any disease. These claims are covered by this table due to their high potential to cause diseases. Claims where the worker had an adverse reaction to treatment for HIV exposure are classified under "Reaction to HIV treatment (Needlestick injury)". Claims where the worker developed a disease such as hepatitis or stress following a needlestick injury will be categorized under the relevant disease category in this table.
7. Hearing loss claims with only health care benefits are excluded from this count.
8. Due to coding updates and allocation of uncoded claims, the numbers in the above table may differ slightly from those reported in previous years.
9. The information on 'type of disease' is based on the statistical coding done by the Statistical Services group of WorkSafeBC, in accordance with the

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AWCBC (Association of Workers Compensation Boards of Canada)'s work injury coding standard that is adopted by all workers compensation boards in Canada. The figures in this table may be different from those based on a different coding standard, or a counting method not related to the first payment of benefits (see footnote #1).