



	Title	WSIB Dermatitis claims file review
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CREOD Research Program	Occupational Skin Disease	
Research Theme	Health services – compensation	
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Product Type	Research Study	
Background	Little is known about the compensation process, particularly the medical information available for decision-making.	
Study Focus (Research Question/Goals/Methods)	The objective of the study was to review the medical information in a compensation claim file and determine the associations between available information and decisions. Fifty WSIB dermatitis claim files were abstracted in 1998.	
Key Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% were for no lost time. • 1/3 were accepted. • 1/3 of files had only the initial reporting form and no further medical information. • 44% had information from a dermatologist. • Only 25% had a description of the relationship between symptoms and work. • 31% had patch testing noted, though results were only available in 12%. • Claims for lost time or those that were accepted had more information available in the claim file, seen a dermatologist, had patch testing. 	
Implications for Health/Labour Policy and Practice	Improving the medical information available (and if necessary arranging for appropriate assessment) is important for decision-making for claims for work-related dermatitis.	
Publication Information	<p><u>Publications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holness DL. Results of a pilot study reviewing dermatitis claims submitted to the Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. J Cut Med Surg 2000;4:117-120. <p><u>Presentations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holness DL. Results of a pilot study reviewing dermatitis claims submitted to the Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. J Cut Med Surg 2000;4:117-120. 	