

MINUTES  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH/CLINICAL SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, May 5, 2004

Members Present: Marie Zeldin (Chair), Nancy Ferguson, Robert Adams, Susan Pedersen, Sue Riggsbee, Mike Proctor, Ann Law, Stephanie Lowther Kidd (EHS liaison)

Members Absent: Enrique Platin, Kathy Moore, Mary Crabtree (EHS liaison)

1. Minutes from the January meeting were approved.
2. Kidd reported on workplace safety statistics from 01/28/04 to 05/03/04. The committee discussed the categories and talked about the ones with the highest numbers. The statistics were highest in the cut, puncture, scrape: hand tool category. This category deals with injuries by scalpels, scissors, and other sharps that caused injuries to employees in the Clinic Environment. The committee also talked about the number of TB exposures. The unusually high number was due to an exposure in two of the clinic buildings. Statistics included 6 TB exposures, 1 foreign matter in eye, 2 blood exposure (splash), 2 non-otherwise categorized, 11 cut, puncture, scrape: hand tool, 2 strain repetitive motion, 2 lifting, 1 struck or injured by: falling object.  
  
*Needlestick Safety Prevention Act Report*-Law reported on the needlestick source log for YTD 2004. The highest number of employees injured by sharps incidents was physicians and mainly occurring in the surgical units, Emergency Room, and operating rooms.
3. There was new business discussed. The committee discussed the numbers spreadsheet that was presented in the USSC meeting concerning training. There were a high number of non-lab workers working with chemicals who had not been trained. The committee talked about different mechanisms to get training material out there, the main focus being the website. The committee agreed that this was the most convenient mechanism to those employees who maybe were not lab workers, students, postdocs, and others. The committee also discussed the future Joint Commission Accreditation for the hospital in March 2005. The committee also discussed the information on the physicians and other medical staff that is in the process of being fit tested over at the University Employee Occupational Health Clinic. There was discussion on trying to coordinate with the School of Medicine on the admission of new Fellows, so that they can be fit-tested and have their immunization review completed when they first start.

4. There was old business discussed. In the previous meeting, there had been discussion of making some cross-environment training sections, for people working in a clinical environment but may actually be in an office setting. This has been done on the training website. The committee also discussed the hospital's Code of Conduct and the fact that the University does not include this in their training. The committee talked about this not actually being a safety related issue, therefore it is handled elsewhere in the employees' training.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2004 from 2:00-3:30 at Student Health Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Administration East Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.