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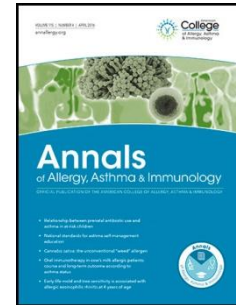
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## Occupational Exposure and Asthma

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- Adult onset asthma occurring as a direct result of occupational exposure (occupational asthma) is a common occurrence.
- Asthma caused by other factors (e.g. seasonal allergic asthma) can be triggered by a variety of occupational exposures (work related asthma).
- The number of occupational exposures that can adversely impact work related asthma is vast, varied and sometimes initially vague.
- Identifying the specific occupational agents that impact work related asthma must be approached methodically with careful history, appropriate exam and testing (laboratory, skin prick) as indicated to develop focused interventional strategies.
- Recognizing and mitigating asthma exacerbating factors in the workplace requires cooperation and coordination between patient, allergist and occupational representatives (e.g. employers).

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