

# Occupational and Environmental Physician Scope of Practice

## Main Tasks

1. Diagnosis, management and assessment of the causation of diseases and injuries in relation to occupation and environmental factors.
2. Assessment of the health and fitness of workers for specific jobs or tasks.
3. Advocating for the protection and promotion of workers' physical and mental health and well-being
4. Developing, interpreting and application of medical standards for occupations
5. Coordination and management of occupational and environmental health and safety programs, including the delivery of occupational health services, health surveillance, health promotion and drug and alcohol testing programs in collaboration with other health professionals
6. Conducting workplace and preliminary environmental assessments in order to recognise, evaluate and control physical, chemical, biological, ergonomic and psychosocial hazards
7. Coordinating and facilitating return to work and rehabilitation programs for injured or ill workers
8. Providing expert advice to workers, employers, regulators, and insurers on the relationship between work and illness and injuries
9. Advising on the health effects of physical, chemical, biological, psychosocial and ergonomic hazards in workplaces and measures to control them
10. Providing advice and education on occupational and environmental health issues to workers, employers, regulators and the public
11. Advising on the effect of major contemporary health issues in workplaces
12. Conducting research and contributing to the evidence base on occupational and environmental health topics