

Group of Social Environment

The Group of Social Environment consists of four departments: Environmental Epidemiology, Occupational Toxicology, Work Systems and Health, and Occupational Health Practice and Management. Its objectives are to conduct academic research, build social systems, and develop professional human resources to promote better adaptation by workers from the aspects of occupational medicine and occupational health.

To achieve these objectives, research and other efforts in each department are being strengthened as follows.

- The Department of Epidemiology is committed to conducting research by epidemiological methodology that explores how our environment -- not only the physical environment but also social and economic factors -- impacts people's health.
- The Department of Occupational Toxicology conducts experimental research focusing on the evaluation of the toxicity of industrial chemical substances, with the aim of contributing to the so-called three aspects of occupational health management and the responses to chemical disasters.
- The Department of Work Systems and Health conducts research to formulate effective work improvement measures in practical occupational medicine by conducting multilateral analyses based on data on the working conditions at actual work sites.
- The Department of Occupational Health Practice and Management conducts research on the mechanisms and factors for realizing both the health of workers and the growth of organizations based on the concepts of "health and productivity management" and "occupational health and safety management system".

The four departments work together to take advantage of their respective strengths, to evaluate the effects of changes in the social environment on organizations and workers using epidemiological and experimental methods, and to develop solutions from the aspects of social systems and work processes.

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