

# More musculoskeletal pain for workers in interventional lab

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Nicholas M. Orme, M.D., from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and colleagues examined the occupational hazards of working in the interventional laboratory. Data were obtained from 1,543 Mayo Clinic employees who responded to an electronic survey.

The researchers found that 67.5 percent of employees reported being involved with procedures that utilized radiation. Compared with the

control group, these employees reported experiencing work-related pain more frequently (54.7 versus 44.7 percent; P body mass index, pre-existing musculoskeletal conditions, years in profession, and job description (odds ratio, 1.67; P

"Musculoskeletal pain is more common among [health care workers](#) who participate in interventional procedures and is highest in nonphysician employees," the authors write.

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