



Types of Providers

- Your examination may be conducted by a Physician or another qualified health care professional
- Medical Assistants or Technicians may perform some ancillary parts of the medical evaluation
- You may be referred to a specialist for certain specialized tests



Cost and Providers of Medical Surveillance

- Medical surveillance, when required, is provided at no cost to employees
- Your insurance will not be billed for the cost of the medical examination and related medical tests
- The evaluation must be performed by the University designated provider
- Your personal physician is not required to perform the evaluation. However, if you have any recent blood test, chest x-ray or other required ancillary tests you can bring them at the time of appointment to avoid repeating those tests



Recordkeeping?

- Results of your medical examination and other information will be kept by the health care provider for the number of years required by law (currently 30 years)
- You have the right to obtain copies of all medical records and test results
- The records and results are stored in a confidential manner
- Access to the results is available only to Occupational Health personnel
- Your Supervisor and other Management Personnel will not have access to your medical records

Questions

If you or your physician has a questions about medical surveillance please contact the Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Department and ask to speak with the Occupational Physician

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MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE



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What is Medical Surveillance?

- Medical surveillance is testing performed by a Physician or other health care professional to monitor the health of personnel working with potentially hazardous materials
- Medical surveillance may be required by law or by the University policy
- The laws may be Federal (OSHA) or Local NYC Health Dept
- Medical surveillance is mandatory if your job includes tasks that requires participation in the program



Logistics of Medical Surveillance

- Your supervisor will inform you if you are required to participate in a medical surveillance program
- You have the right refuse to participate but this may prevent you from performing certain tasks required as part of your employment
- Medical Surveillance at CUMC is conducted at Workforce Health and Safety (WHS) located on the first floor of Harkness Pavilion (212.305.7580)
- Medical surveillance at MS is coordinated through Facilities (212.854.8840), IACUC (212.305.2404) or EH&S (212.854.8749) depending upon the project



Types of Workers Requiring Medical Surveillance

Several categories of workers require medical surveillance, such as:

- Staff exposed to certain chemicals (such as formaldehyde) above OSHA recommended safe limits or as a University policy
- Staff that works directly with patients/human subjects
- Staff with potential exposure to blood or body fluids during work
- Staff that work with certain types of viruses or other biological agents
- Staff that need respiratory protection
- Staff that work with animals



What can I expect During Examination

- You may be asked to complete a standardized medical questionnaire before the examination
- The health care provider may perform a basic physical examination or may perform additional testing including blood tests, chest x-ray, spirometry, etc.
- If required an eye exam may be performed by a Specialist



Your Responsibility

- You must keep your appointment for medical examination
- You must contact the health care provider immediately if you want to change the scheduled date and time of your appointment
- You may ask any question during evaluation regarding the nature of medical surveillance and tests
- You may bring any document such as MSDS to clarify any issues



Notifications

- You will be required to return to the health care facility for the results of your evaluation conducted by the health care provider
- Your supervisor and other management personnel will not be informed of any specific results of the evaluation
- Your supervisor and/or manager will only be told that you have completed the medical evaluation and are cleared to work