



Occupational risk factors for infection

Agents which may lead to infections include:

	Which healthcare workers are at risk?	Are any other occupations at risk?
Airborne, viral		
Varicella	All	
Measles	Physicians and nurses	
Rubella	All	
Mumps	Paediatricians and dentists	
Pertussis	All	
Parvovirus B19 infection	Nurses	
RSV infection	All	
Adenovirus infection	Staff in ophthalmology clinics, intensive care units and long-term paediatric care	
Influenza	Physicians and nurses	Office workers
SARS-coronavirus A	Physicians, nurses, healthcare assistants and others; nursing home attendants; housekeeping personnel, laboratory workers	Transport workers, business travellers, market for exotic animals
Avian influenza H5N1	Physicians, nurses, healthcare assistants	Poultry, farm and market workers
Mycoplasma infection	All	
Airborne, bacterial		
Tuberculosis	Nurses, physicians, pathologists, laboratory workers, housekeeping staff	
Anthrax	Hospital supply	Agricultural workers, wool sorters, mail sorters
Psittacosis		Turkey processing
Blood-borne virus		
HIV infection	Physicians, nurses, dental workers and dentists, laboratory workers, technicians in dialysis unit, respiratory therapists	Embalmers or morgue technicians
Ebola infection	Nurses	