



## Using Total Worker Health to Advance Worker Health and Safety

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### Message from the Guest Editors

It is now recognized that aspects of the workplace (scheduling, shift work, physically-demanding work, chemical exposures), not only increase the risk of injury and illness, but also impact health behaviours (smoking, physical activity) and health outcomes (sleep disorders and fatigue, obesity, musculoskeletal disorders). In turn, ill health and chronic conditions can affect performance at work, increasing risk for injury, absenteeism, and reduced productivity. In the past few decades, programs that expand the traditional focus of occupational safety and health to consider non-traditional work-related sources of health and well-being have been shown to be more effective than programs that address these issues separately. This Total Worker Health approach has been recognized by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health as a method for protecting the safety and health of workers, while also advancing the overall well-being of these workers by addressing the conditions of work. This Special Issue is devoted to research “Advancing Worker Health and Safety” in the sense of Total Worker Health®.





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