

**Results** There were 600 cases of lung cancer in the highest exposed group and 668 in the lowest exposed group. The relative risk comparing high and low exposed decreased the years after exposure had stopped. It was 1.8 during the decade when the exposure came to an end, decreased to 1.5 (95% CI 1.3–1.9) the next decade, to 1.2 (95% CI 1.0–1.5) the decade later and finally to 1.0 (95% CI 0.8–1.2) three decades after the exposure to asbestos had stopped.

**Conclusions** The time pattern of asbestos related lung cancer seem to follow a similar pattern as the risk of lung cancer in ex-smokers.

#### 0055 ASSOCIATION OF OCCUPATIONAL TRAJECTORIES WITH ALCOHOL USE DISORDERS IN A LONGITUDINAL NATIONAL SURVEY

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**Objectives** We posited mutually-reinforcing longitudinal pathways between occupation and alcohol use disorders (AUD).

**Method** Longitudinal trajectories of work substantive complexity were constructed by growth mixture modelling (GMM) of occupational data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 and O\*NET work variables. AUD was determined using a set of 25 questions that map onto 9 criteria for alcohol dependence. Prevalent AUD was one occurred at or before the first alcohol questionnaire in 1989; an incident AUD was a new case between 1989 and the 1994 survey. The association between work trajectories and AUD was modelled using Poisson regression in a generalised linear model adjusting for covariates.

**Results** Lower work trajectories were associated with higher AUD prevalence (prevalence ratio 1.41; 95% confidence interval 1.04–1.91 for lowest versus highest class). Incident AUDs were associated with risk of a decline in work trajectory class in both high (OR=2.68; 95% CI 1.34–5.35) and low (OR=1.62 95% CI 1.01–2.60) initial classes. Interval educational attainment was not associated with AUD within a specific occupational trajectory class.

**Conclusions** Low occupational trajectories are associated with increased AUD prevalence. Incident AUDs may be followed by a decline in work SC. These findings suggest self-reinforcing relations between the development of AUD and both prior and subsequent work.

#### 0056 PATTERNS OF SITE-EMPLOYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ON AND OFF COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION SITES IN NEW ENGLAND AND THE RELATIONSHIP TO MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN

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**Objectives** Construction workers who work on multiple jobsites have a high prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders. Yet, scant quantitative information exists in the scientific literature on the relationship between worksite mobility patterns and musculoskeletal disorders.

**Method** Self-reported musculoskeletal pain, as defined as pain experienced in one of seven body areas in the past month, work

history, and demographics were collected from 776 Boston area workers on their first day at one of seven commercial construction projects. Workers were classified as long-term workers (on-site greater than or equal to 30 days) or short-term workers (less than 30 days). Bivariate and multiple logistic regression analyses tested the relationship between term length and prevalence of self-reported musculoskeletal pain, adjusting for relevant covariates.

**Results** Of the 776 new workers, 344 (44%) were on-site after one month, 164 (21%) remained after two months, and only 74 (10%) remained after three months. Thirty-three percent of workers reported musculoskeletal pain at baseline. Short-term workers were 2.02 times (95% CI: 1.32, 3.08) more likely to report any musculoskeletal pain at baseline than long-term workers, when controlling for trade and tenure. Reporting of single- and multi-site pain was also associated with term length, with statistically significant adjusted odds ratios of 2.00 and 2.35, respectively.

**Conclusions** The observed excess of self-reported pain in short-term workers when compared to long-term workers mirrors disparities between temporary and non-temporary workers in other industries. This observed effect highlights the need to consider worksite mobility when analysing and interpreting data aimed at improving construction worker health and safety.

#### 0058 COLORECTAL CANCER RISK AND SHIFT WORK IN A POPULATION-BASED CASE-CONTROL STUDY IN SPAIN (MCC-SPAIN)

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**Objectives** Epidemiological cancer studies on shift work have focused on breast cancer while evidence on other tumours is limited. We evaluated colorectal cancer risk in relation to night and rotating shift work and genetic variation, in a population based case-control study in Spain.

**Method** 1066 male and 592 female incident colorectal cancer cases and 3388 randomly selected population controls of both sexes, enrolled in 11 regions of Spain, were included. Information was collected on socio-demographic, lifestyle, medical history and other variables by face-to-face interviews. Lifetime occupational history on daily time schedule of each job, day/night/rotating shifts, light at night exposure, and duration of different jobs, was used for exposure assessment. We used unconditional logistic regression adjusting for potential confounders.

**Results** Among controls 10% of males and 4% females had ever worked full time in permanent night shifts (working between midnight and 6am) and 24% of males and 14% of females in rotating shifts for ≥1 year. Having ever performed rotating shift work was associated with an increased risk for colorectal cancer