The industrial revolution that occurred in the first half of the nineteenth century brought the need of occupational medicine, which originated as a medical specialty in England, to ensure high production. At that time, the workforce reached inhuman levels of production, which required intervention to be guaranteed the minimum conditions for workers. The last 20 years the concern for public health, more rigorous supervision and laws focused on the employee, along with the activities of trade unions and academics began to differentiate the health of occupational health worker, presenting broader approach and greater performance this science. Thus, occupational health and worker health are in the growth and maturation process. From this perspective the objective of this research is to analyse, through bibliographic references, the history and evolution of occupational medicine, stressing the positive aspects from its inception and still faced problems. The research was based on scientific articles, books and especially laws and regulations. The database used in this study was the websites: Google Scholar and Scielo. The keywords used only in Portuguese: History of occupational medicine; Evolution of occupational medicine and laws of occupational medicine. As a result it turns out that the development of occupational health has brought great benefits to both the employee on the company. The occupational physician acts analysing the causes and effects that the way to work or because impossibilities benefits to the employee, whether transient or permanent by analysing the activities carried out by it.

The history of the appearance of monographs, teaching aids and manuals on OH in Russia has a little less than two and a half centuries. The first work was the book by A.Bakherakh ‘The way to preserve the health of marine workers’ (1780). The author dwells in detail on the prevention and treatment seamen’s diseases. A more significant event was the appearance of the book ‘Diseases of workers, indicating protective measures’ by A.Nikitin (1847), in which he talks in detail about the detrimental effects on health of production factors in more than 120 professions. Undoubtedly weighty contribution was made by the teaching manuals of F.Ertman ‘Professional Hygiene or Hygiene of Mental and Physical Labour’ (1877) and V.Svyatlovskiy ‘Factory Hygiene’ (1891). In them, academic pedagogues dwell on the issues of research and analysis not only of OD, but also the hygienic aspects of the different professions working conditions. An important role was also played by the appearance of the monograph E.Dementev ‘The Factory, What It Gives’ and Dausheva ‘Labour and health’ (1922), G.Khlopin ‘Labour regime and occupational hazards’ (1926), W.France’s textbook. The author dwells in detail on the prevention and treatment seamen’s diseases. A more significant event was the appearance of the book ‘Diseases of workers, indicating protective measures’ by A.Nikitin (1847), in which he talks in detail about the detrimental effects on health of production factors in more than 120 professions. Undoubtedly weighty contribution was made by the teaching manuals of F.Ertman ‘Professional Hygiene or Hygiene of Mental and Physical Labour’ (1877) and V.Svyatlovskiy ‘Factory Hygiene’ (1891). In them, academic pedagogues dwell on the issues of research and analysis not only of OD, but also the hygienic aspects of the different professions working conditions. An important role was also played by the appearance of the monograph E.Dementev ‘The Factory, What It Gives’ and Dausheva ‘Labour and health’ (1922), G.Khlopin ‘Labour regime and occupational hazards’ (1926), W.France’s textbook.