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Conclusion Health related absence contributes to significant loss in productive work-time. There is scope to reduce these losses by improvement in health situation. Our study provided key information and trends for planning evidence based health promotion programmes in the industry.

Methods In the early 2000 an expert committee appointed by the IAOM suggested a new syllabus, based on the scientific literature. The recommendations were sent to all experts in OM in Israel, and other professional members like industrial hygienist. We got several responses. Most people suggested additional standards.

Results The curriculum includes 54 months of training programme. The characteristics of the new curriculum are: interaction between theory and practice; fields of knowledge, learning process; competencies which are needed; and multidisciplinarity. We added an obligatory walkthrough list of industries. Three of the walkthrough reports consists a part of the final oral examinations.

Conclusions The aim of the curriculum was to produce a comprehensive approach in OM competencies. The curriculum was adopted by the Israeli Medical Association and Ministry of Health since 2010.