Occupational Health Nursing

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Definition of Occupational Health Nursing:

“The specialty practice that focuses on the promotion, prevention, and restoration of health within the context of safe and healthy environment” (American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, 1999).
Scope of Occupational Health Nursing:

“involves in prevention of adverse health effects from occupational and environmental hazards”.

“provides for and delivers occupational and environmental health and safety services to worker populations.” (American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, 1999).
History of Occupational Health Nursing:

1885- Ada Mayo Stewart, the first industrial nurse (Felton, 1985).


During the early 1900s – companies recognized that the provision of work-site health services led to a more productive workforce (McGrath, 1995).
History of Occupational Health Nursing:

1942- The first national nursing organization was established - *American Association of Industrial Nursing AAIN* (Rogers, 1994).

1960s, 1970s- Passing several laws to protect workers.
History of Occupational Health Nursing:

1970s—Establishing the *Occupational Safety and Health Administration* (OSHA) and the *National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health* (NIOSH) (Rogers, 1994).

1988—The first Occupational Health Nurse was hired by OSHA.
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
(AAOHN) 1942

the professional organization for Occupational Health Nurses.
Its missions:
Supports the work of O.H.N,

Advances the specialty,
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)

Promotes the health and safety of workers,

Defines the scope of practice and sets the standards of O.H.N practice.

Develops the Code of Ethics for O.H.N with interpretive statements.
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)
Promotes and provides continuing education in the specialty.

Advances the profession through supporting research.

Responds to and influences public policy issues related to occupational health and safety.
Job roles for occupational health nurses:

Clinician,
Case manager,
Coordinator,
Manager,
Health promotion specialist,
Risk management,
Job roles for occupational health nurses:

Educator,
Consultant,
Researcher.
(AAOHN, 1997).
Application of the epidemiologic model:

Host

Agent

Environment
HOST = WORKERS

Age
Gender
Health status
Work practices
Ethnicity
Lifestyle factors
AGENT = POTENTIAL RISK

Biological agents
Chemical agents
Environmental and Mechanical agents
Physical agents
Psychosocial agents
ENVIRONMENT

Physical environment,

Social and psychological environment.
NURSING CARE AT ALL LEVEL OF PREVENTION

Primary prevention- promoting health and averting a problem.

Secondary prevention-surveillance and periodic screening.

Tertiary prevention-restore health as fully as possible and assist individuals to achieve their maximum level of functioning.

(Rogers, 2003)
Occupational nursing process:
Assessing- workers and workplace
Planning –
Implementing-
Evaluating-
Occupational health services in Israel:

Surveillance and periodical screening,

Preventive medicine immunization,

Medical consultant,

Health and safety educator,
Occupational health services in Israel:

Working suitability,

Working capacity,

Worsening situation,

License for crane operator.
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