Peer Review

Review of: "Notification and Recordkeeping of Occupational Mesothelioma in India"

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The authors have highlighted a very important issue. They have utilised the RTI Act to collect relevant data. They have thrown light on how an issue plaguing the system has two types of control, that is, the state and the Centre. Probably having a single control mechanism, especially the Centre, can keep a control on this faux pas. The central government can ensure the full implementation of the laws, sensitising healthcare physicians, and making health check-ups more stringent. Regular health check-ups are at times done only on paper, which needs to be curbed. Regular inspection and audit by responsible people can be the mantra. Alarming is the data which the authors have projected as to how many cases will be prevalent in the near future. They have suggested methods like levying fines on doctors, recommendations to the National Medical Commission to ensure the topics of occupational health and the duties of a physician in reporting such cases are included in the undergraduate medical curriculum. Health safety officers will play a very important role, and these are the personnel who need to be sensitised the most. To summarise, a well-researched and well-written article which is strongly recommended for publication. Best wishes to the authors.

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