Hazard and Medical Surveillance for the Prevention of Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders

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Overview

Surveillance, Screening, Research Passive Surveillance and Active Surveillance Health Surveillance and Hazard Surveillance Upper Extremity Musculoskeletal Disorder (An Example)





Surveillance

- systematic collection, analysis and dissemination of information for the purpose of prevention intervention.
- using information for action

planning, implementing and evaluating medical & ergonomic interventions.

- get an estimate of the health of a population or a group and to link the health to group characteristics,
- ongoing activity as long as there is interest in fulfilling one or more goals of surveillance.
- limited information about cases.



Goals of Surveillance

- Detect New Problems
- Determine Magnitude of Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Track Trends
- Identify Job Groups and Work Sites for Control
- Describe Health and Risk factors to Initiate Change
- Basis to Prioritize Preventive Actions
- Identification of Control Measures by Observing
 Low-Risk Groups
- Evaluate Progress of Preventive Actions
- Generate Hypothesis for Research



Research

- an activity that focuses for a limited time period on a search for etiology, association or an evaluation of intervention.
- only long enough to collect sufficient information to test specific hypothesis
- collect detailed information



Screening

- identification of unrecognized disease or defect by the application of tests, examinations or other procedures that can be applied rapidly.
- sort out apparently persons who probably have a disease from those who do not.





Screening

- 1. one form of case counting for the purposes of surveillance
- to detect a specific disease process at an early potentially reversible stage
- 3. Examples:
 - medical history
 - physical examination
 - laboratory tests





Surveillance, Screening, Research

Motivated by Prevention Disease, Injury, Disability, Exposure, Hazard





Disease Surveillance Program

Case Counting

Data Evaluation

Plan of Action





Hazard Surveillance vs. Health Surveillance

Surveillance		
Hazard	Health	
Job/Task Design	Disorder / Disease	
Technology	Expressions of disorder/disease	
Organization	Comfort	
Environment	(Performance)	





Passive vs. Active Surveillance

Pas	sive	Act	tive
Hazard	Health	Hazard	Health
# of machines	Occupational Injury Reports	Questionnaires	Questionnaires
# of organization	Absentee Records	Checklists	Physical Exams
# of hot/cold workplaces	Transfer Requests	Job Analyses	Biological Monitoring





Passive Surveillance

- 1. Utilization of data bases designed or implemented for reasons other than to directly monitor disease or injury in the workplace
- 2. Examples:
 - Workers' Compensation,
 - OSHA log
 - Medical absences
 - Plant medical records,
 - Workers' Complaints;
 - Workers' Personal Physician Diagnoses



Passive Surveillance

Advantage:

Less expensive Disadvantage: Under-reporting Lack of a standardized definitions of UEMSDs





Active Surveillance or Screening

A program specifically for the purpose of monitoring the incidence or prevalence of UEMSDs

Advantage:

- more complete reporting
- consistent case definition

Disadvantage:

- maybe more expensive
- need to be justified by the likelihood of success





Example

Upper Extremity Musculoskeletal Disorders (UEMSDs)

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS)





Medical Screening of Workers for UEMSDs

- 1. Identify causal determinants
- 2. Identify jobs for interventions
- 3. Determine effectiveness of a control program
- 4. Identify individual workers with possible disease
- 5. Predict future risk of development of disease in individuals
- 6. Assess job compatibility of individual workers.





Evaluation of Screening Tools

- 1. Medical history / Questionnaire Surveys
- 2. Physical Examination Procedures
- 3. Nerve Conduction Testing





Medical History / Self-Administered Hand Diagrams

Advantage:

- inexpensive
- good test-retest reliability

Disadvantage:

- subjective
- may under-report in pre-placement setting
- may over-report





Physical Examination

Example:

- Phalen's Manoeuvre,
- Tinel's Sign;
- Two-Point Discrimination

Advantage: relatively easy to administer





Physical Examination

Disadvantage:

- Require a trained examiner (\$\$\$)
- Subjective
- Validity and reliability;
- Information provided.
- No established relationship with job or task performance





Nerve Conduction Test

Advantage:

Objective, widely used in clinical medicine

Highly reliable even under field condition

Disadvantage:

Requires a skilled examiner & expensive equipment Major limitations in terms of validity

- NCS only weakly related to typical clinical CTS features
- 15% ~ 25% abnormal NCS but asympotomatic CTS
- No predictive value





Conclusions

- No medical test or examination procedure which can predict future risk of CTS with a high enough degree of certainty to permit use in job placement decisions.
- NCS for CTS do not provide information about job compatibility or ability to perform particular job tasks.
- Same for other UEMSDs
- No medical tests which reliably can predict future risk of diseases.

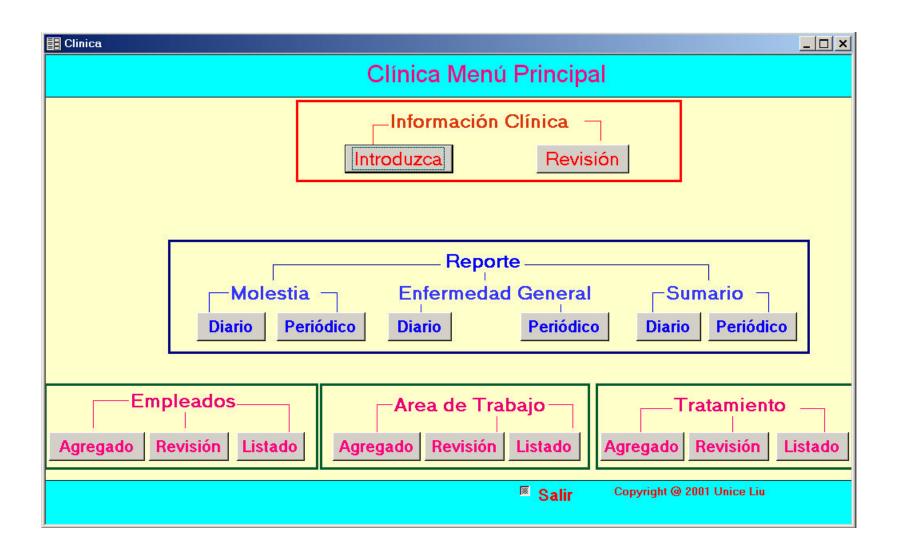




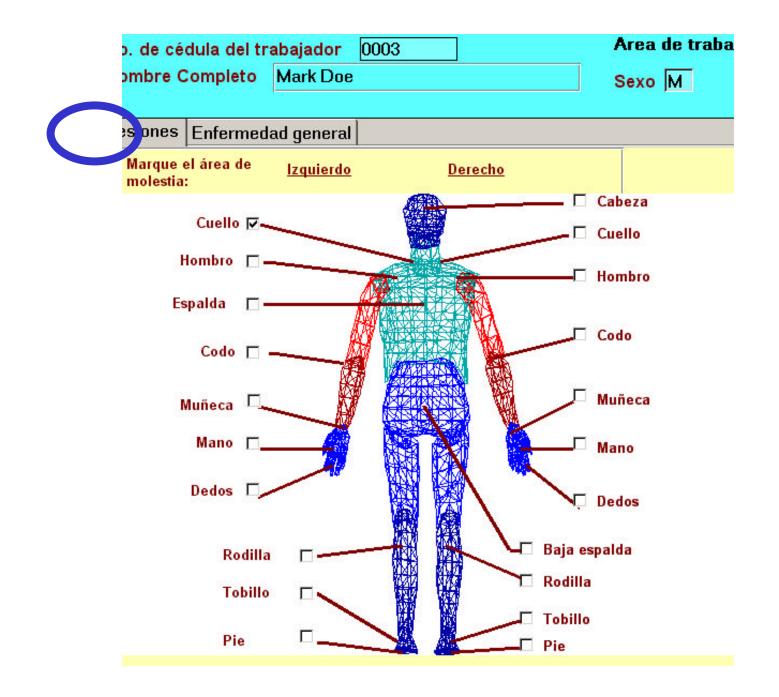
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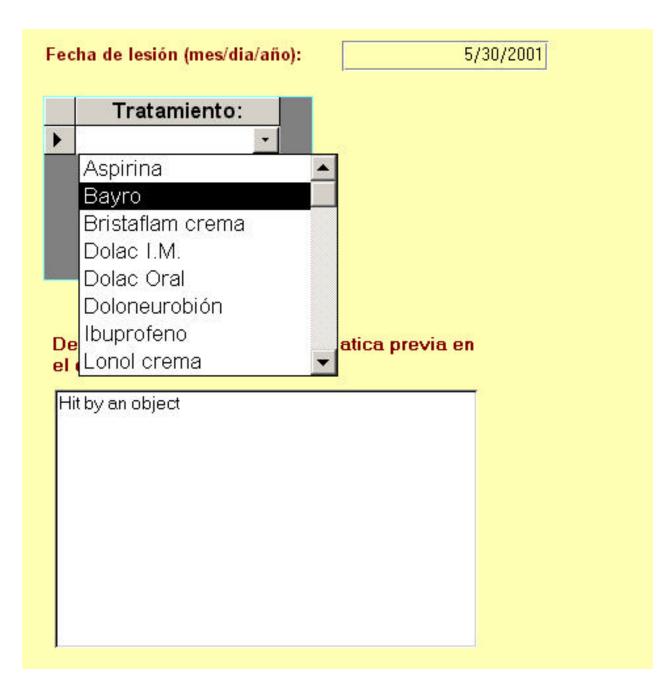


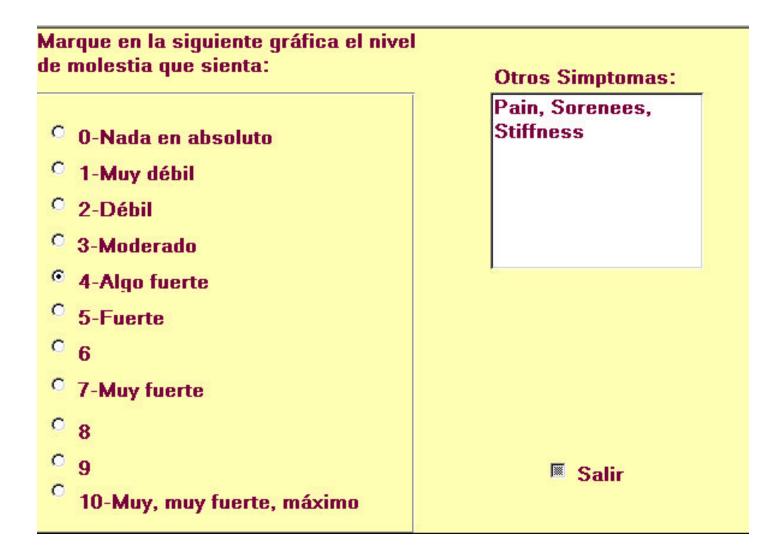


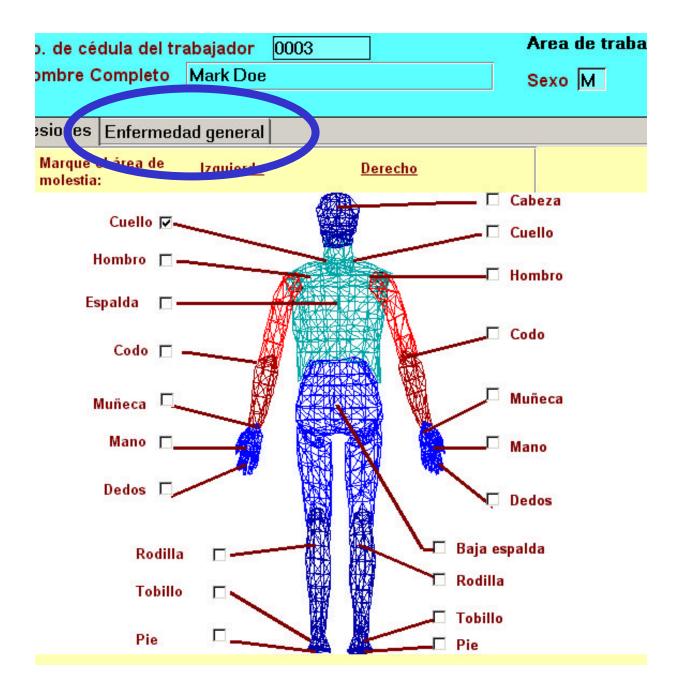










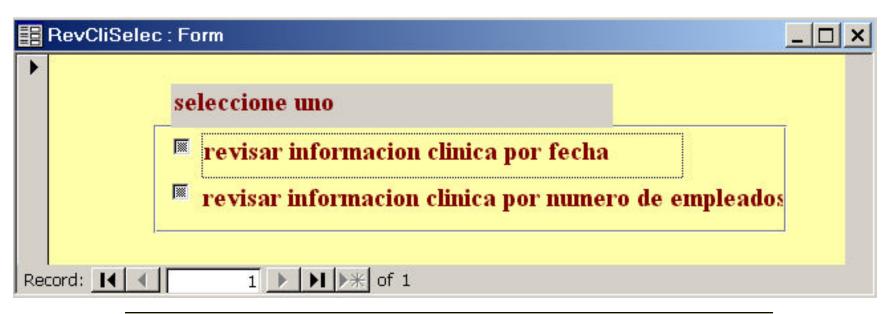


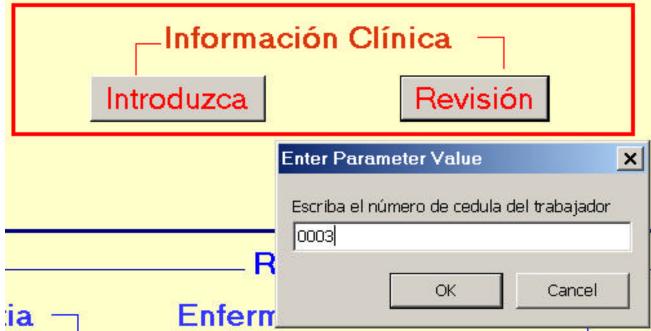
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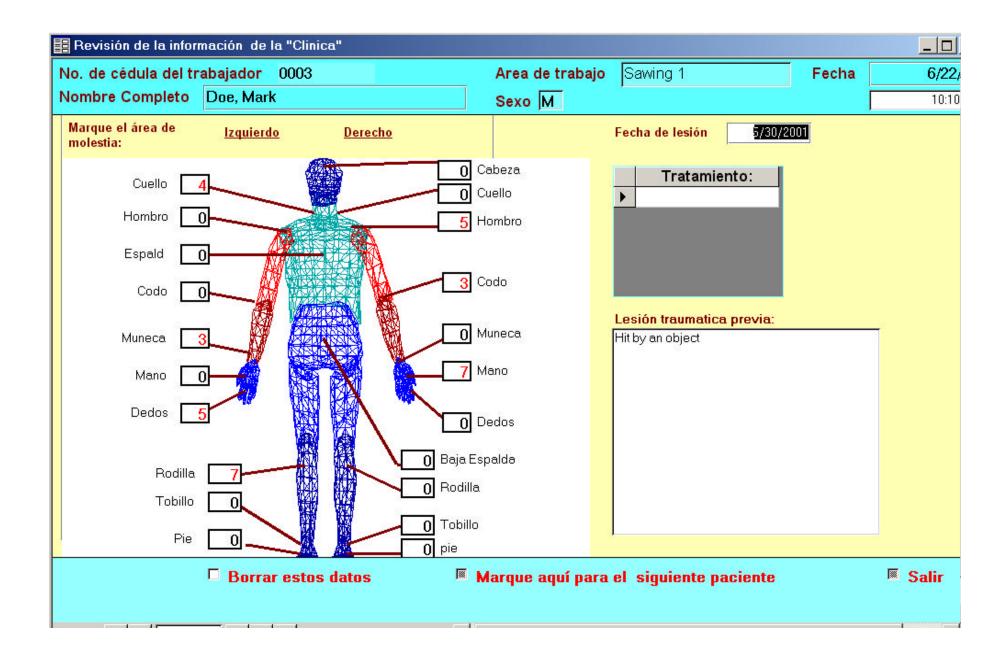
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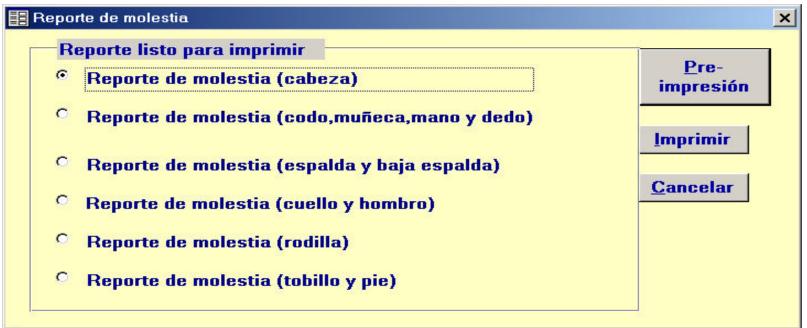








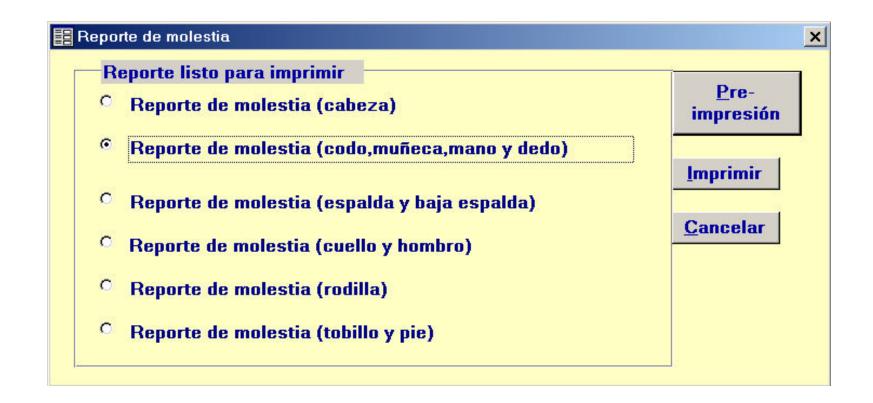




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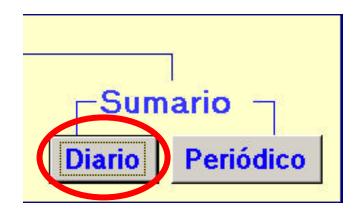


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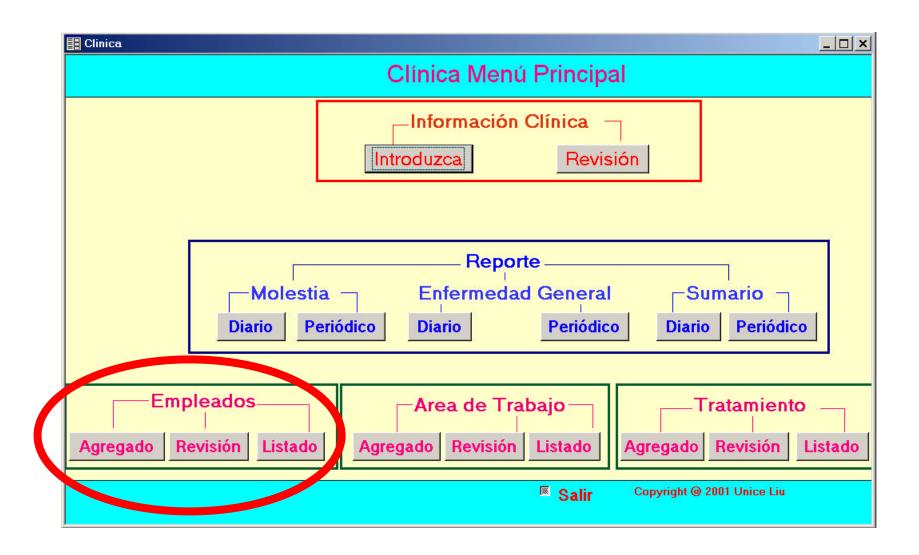
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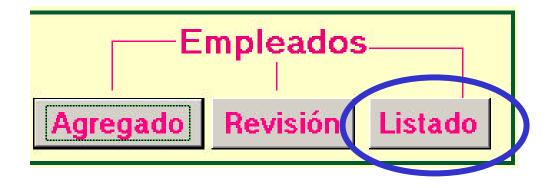


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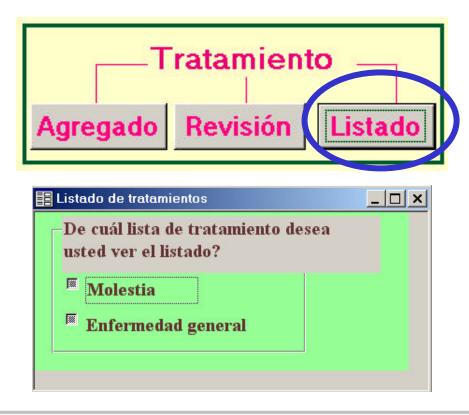


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