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Abstract

Musculoskeletal Symptoms and Related Factors for Nurses and Radiological Technologists Wearing a Lead Apron for Radiation Protection

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Objectives: To determine the complaint rates of musculoskeletal symptoms and understand the related factors of musculoskeletal symptoms in nurses and radiological technologists wearing a lead apron for radiation protection.

Method: The study subjects were 192 nurses and radiological technologists who work at the cardiac catheterization room or angioroom in the department of radiology. A self-recording questionnaire was used to investigate the general characteristics, occupational characteristics, characteristics related to wearing a lead apron, and subjective musculoskeletal symptoms designed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Results: Complaint rates of musculoskeletal symptoms by NOISH were 51.0% in the upper/lower back, 49.0% in the shoulder, and 47.9% in the leg/knee/ankle. From multiple logistic regression analysis, musculoskeletal symptoms of the shoulder were influenced by two-piece type apron and long time wearing an apron, symptoms of upper/lower back by long time wearing an apron, sex, higher average working hours per a day and short resting time, symptoms of leg/knee/ankle by long time wearing an apron, working career at the present department (cardiac catheterization room or angioroom) and short resting time.

Conclusion: The complaint rates of the musculoskeletal symptoms were affected by the characteristics of wearing a lead apron for radiation protection such as wearing time and apron type. Therefore, it is suggested that the workers who are wearing an apron need the proper wearing time and resting time, and suitable apron type and size for the body.

Key Words: Musculoskeletal symptoms, Nurses and radiological technologists, Lead apron.

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2) χ^2 test (multiple logistic regression analysis) SPSS 10.0

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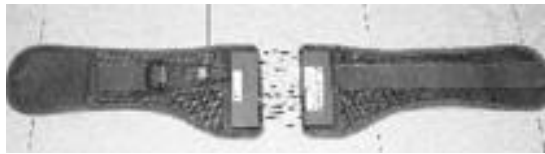


Fig. 2. Back belt.



Fig. 1. One-piece type apron(left) and Two-piece type apron(right).

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Table 1. General and occupational characteristics of the subjects.

Characteristics		N	%
Age (yr)	34	44	22.9
	35 ~ 39	22	11.5
	40 ~ 44	87	45.3
	45	39	20.3
Sex	Male	147	76.6
	Female	45	23.4
	Nurse	44	22.9
Occupation	Radiological	148	77.1
	Technologist		
Total job career (yr)	10	34	17.7
	10 ~ 15	34	17.7
	15 ~ 20	85	44.3
	20	39	20.3
Career at the present position (yr)	5	52	27.1
	5 ~ 10	94	49.0
	10	46	24.0
Working hours per day	8	39	20.3
	8	153	79.7
Resting time (min)	30	80	41.7
	31 ~ 60	48	25.0
	61	64	33.3

Table 2. Characteristics of the subjects wearing a lead apron.

Characteristics		N	%
Wearing hours	6	96	50.0
	6	96	50.0
Apron design	One-piece type	99	51.6
	Two-piece type	93	48.4
Apron weight (kg)	5	19	9.9
	5	173	90.1
Back belt	Use	50	26.0
	Unuse	142	74.0

(51.0%) 가 / 가 98 (47.9%) (Table 3).
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Table 3. Complaint rate of musculoskeletal symptoms.

Body region	Complaint rate	
	N	%
Shoulder	94	49.0
Upper back/Lower back	98	51.0
Leg/Knee/Ankle	92	47.9

Table 4. Complaint rate in musculoskeletal symptoms by general and occupational characteristics

Characteristics	Shoulder		Upper back/ lower back		Leg/knee/ankle	
	N (%)	²	N (%)	²	N (%)	²
Age (yr)						
34	11 (25.0)	109.7**	16 (36.4)	93.4**	9 (20.5)	102.4**
35 ~ 39	4 (18.2)		5 (22.7)		6 (27.3)	
40 ~ 44	78 (89.7)		76 (87.4)		76 (87.4)	
45	1 (2.6)		1 (2.6)		1 (2.6)	
Sex						
Male	81 (55.1)	9.5**	80 (54.4)	2.9	79 (53.7)	8.5**
Female	13 (28.9)		18 (40.0)		13 (28.9)	
Occupation						
Nurse	13 (29.5)	8.6**	17 (38.6)	3.5	13 (29.5)	7.7**
Radiological Technologist	81 (54.7)		81 (54.7)		79 (53.4)	
Total job career (yr)						
10	6 (17.6)	110.3**	10 (29.4)	109.8**	4 (11.8)	123.8**
10 ~ 15	10 (29.4)		10 (29.4)		10 (29.4)	
15 ~ 20	78 (91.8)		78 (91.8)		78 (91.8)	
Career at the present position (yr)						
5	10 (19.2)	110.1**	14 (26.9)	101.5**	8 (15.4)	115.3**
5 ~ 10	82 (87.2)		82 (87.2)		82 (87.2)	
10	2 (4.3)		2 (4.3)		2 (4.3)	
Working hours per day						
8	4 (10.3)	29.3**	6 (15.4)	24.9**	4 (10.3)	27.8**
8	90 (59.8)		92 (60.1)		88 (57.5)	
Resting time (min)						
30	76 (95.0)	119.0**	76 (95.0)	107.9**	76 (95.0)	123.3**
31 ~ 60	12 (25.0)		13 (27.1)		10 (20.8)	
61	6 (9.4)		9 (14.1)		6 (9.4)	

**p<0.01

4. χ^2 test / / 가 (p<0.05). / 가 (p<0.01)(Table 4). 가 (p<0.01), / 가 (p<0.01). 가 5 kg / / 가 가 가 15 20 가 5 10 가 가 가 가 6.

Table 5. Complaint rate of musculoskeletal symptoms by characteristics related to wearing a lead apron.

Characteristics with lead apron	Shoulder		Upper back/ lower back		Leg/knee/ankle		
	N(%)	χ^2	N(%)	χ^2	N(%)	χ^2	
Wearing hours	6	9 (9.4)	120.4**	13 (13.5)	108.0**	8 (8.3)	120.5**
	6<	85 (88.5)		85 (88.5)		84 (87.5)	
Apron design	One-piece type	12 (12.1)	111.0**	18 (18.2)	88.3**	12 (12.1)	104.9**
	Two-piece type	82 (88.2)		80 (86.0)		80 (86.0)	
Apron weight (kg)	5	4 (21.1)	6.6*	7 (36.8)	1.7	5 (26.6)	3.9*
	5	90 (52.0)		91 (52.6)		87 (50.3)	
Back belt	Use	4 (8.0)	45.4**	4 (8.0)	50.1**	2 (4.0)	52.2**
	Unuse	90 (63.4)		94 (66.2)		90 (63.4)	

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Table 6. Multiple logistic regression of musculoskeletal complaint rate.

Characteristics (Indicator)	Odds ratio and 95% confidence interval		
	Shoulder	Upper back/ lower back	Leg/knee/ankle
Age (<39 yr)	1.55 0.28 ~ 8.69	3.16 0.57 ~ 17.39	2.82 0.43 ~ 18.54
Sex (female)	1.63 0.34 ~ 7.83	5.28* 1.01 ~ 27.63	5.33 0.70 ~ 40.72
Career at the present position (<5 yr)	1.94 0.45 ~ 8.41	2.70 0.65 ~ 11.28	8.50* 1.32 ~ 54.74
Working hours per day (8 hr)	4.18 0.98 ~ 17.84	4.36* 1.11 ~ 17.09	4.40 0.89 ~ 21.73
Resting times per day (30 min)	0.18 0.03 ~ 1.25	0.03** 0.00 ~ 0.24	0.05** 0.00 ~ 0.36
Apron design (one-piece)	6.86* 1.46 ~ 32.33	1.38 0.28 ~ 6.81	2.36 0.40 ~ 13.81
Apron weight (5 kg)	1.55 0.32 ~ 7.64	1.87 0.45 ~ 7.76	2.14 0.39 ~ 11.78
Wearing hours per day (6 hr)	8.59** 2.38 ~ 31.05	6.86** 1.92 ~ 24.50	7.70** 1.94 ~ 30.52
Back belt (unuse)	0.39 0.08 ~ 1.86	0.42 0.09 ~ 1.98	0.15 0.02 ~ 1.09

*p<0.05, **p<0.01.

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