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**Abstract**

**Epidemiologic Characteristics of Occupational Lung Cancer in the Busan area**

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**Objectives:** The objectives of this study were to estimate the proportion of occupational lung cancer in the Busan area.

**Methods:** Occupational physicians of four university hospitals operating an occupational disease surveillance system in the Busan area actively interviewed all of the newly diagnosed, lung cancer cases about their characteristics and occupational histories through a survey questionnaire and chart review. To evaluate and agree on the work-relativity, the cases were presented in periodic meetings.

**Results:** A total of 301 lung cancer cases were interviewed, of which 50 (16.6%, all male, 27 probable and 23 possible) were related to occupational exposure. The exposure materials were asbestos, Cr, PAH etc. Pathologic findings included squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma and small cell carcinoma.

**Conclusions:** The proportion of occupational lung cancer cases above the probable level was 9% and above the possible level was 17%. To develop the public health policy and to prevent further cancer death, the meaningful data from occupational cancer surveillance systems should be collected continuously for ongoing monitoring.

**Key Words:** Lung cancer, Occupation, Surveillance

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2002 가 1 (19.8%) ( ,

, Doll Peto  
 15%, 5% (1981),  
 9%, 2%  
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 (NIOSH) Larry Fine  
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6~10% 가  
 10%, 100%가

2002 64,322 ( , 2003) 4%  
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- A. (IARC 가 group 2A )  
 B. , ,  
 C. , , ,
4. 가
- 1) Definite (75~100% )  
 - 가 가  
 - 가 (Both).  
 2) Probable (50-74% )  
 - 가 가  
 - 가 (Either).  
 3) Possible (25~49% )  
 - 가 가  
 - 가

(Inadequate).  
 4) Suspicious (25% )  
 가 가 가 (No evidence).  
 가 ILO list of Occupational Diseases,  
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 가 301 가 possible  
 가 , 가 50 (16.6%) (Table 1).  
 definite 가 , probable 27  
 가 , possible 23  
 가 , 59.2 40 가 2 (4.0%), 50 가 23 (46.0%),  
 가 60 25 (50.0%) 50  
 IARC group 2A 가 50 가  
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 possible , 20 37 (74.0%) (Table 2).  
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**Table 1.** Numbers of occupational Lung cancer cases

	Total No. of lung Ca.	No. of occupational lung Ca.		
		Probable	Possible	Total
A hospital	93	11	9	20
B hospital	77	1	0	1
C hospital	53	7	11	18
D hospital	78	8	3	11
Total	301	27	23	50

**Table 2.** Characteristics of occupational lung cancer cases

Variables		Probable	Possible	Total
Sex	male	27	23	50
	female	0	0	0
Age (years)	40~49	0	2	2
	50~59	17	6	23
	60	10	15	25
Smoking (pack-years)	9	5	2	7
	10~19	7	3	10
	20~29	7	6	13
	30	8	12	20
Exposure duration (years)	0~9	1	4	5
	10~19	5	3	8
	20~29	7	7	14
	30	14	9	23

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 20 (40.0%) 가 , 18 , . 2002  
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**Table 3.** Occupational lung cancer cases - probable cases

Age	Sex	Occupation	Exposed agent	Duration (years)	Smoking (pack-years)
55	Male	Repairing	Asbestos	6	30
54	Male	Boiler plumbing	Asbestos	20	25
57	Male	Ship welding	Asbestos	21	10
60	Male	Building and repair	Asbestos	25	5
50	Male	Mixing	Asbestos	30	30
55	Male	Train repairing	Asbestos	40	25
57	Male	Bus repairing	Asbestos	40	25
61	Male	Plumbing	Asbestos	40	15
68	Male	Asbestos processing	Asbestos	10	30
67	Male	Welding	Chromium	30	14
50	Male	Welding	Chromium	10	5
51	Male	Welding	Chromium	35	20
55	Male	Welding	Chromium	37	60
52	Male	Welding	Chromium	10	60
59	Male	Welding	Chromium	20	10
65	Male	Grinding	Chromium	15	5
58	Male	Leather painting	Chromium	21	40
53	Male	Grinding	Chromium, Nickel	20	15
58	Male	Casting	PAH	40	45
50	Male	Casting	PAH	37	10
66	Male	Screen ink manufacturing	PAH	35	1
68	Male	Ticket examining(toll-gate)	PAH	10	10
60	Male	Ticket examining(toll-gate)	PAH	31	5
60	Male	Bus repairing	PAH	30	20
51	Male	Casting	PAH	20	20
66	Male	Plating	Nickel	50	25
52	Male	Waste burning	Cadmium	35	30



