



Preventing Carpal Tunnel Syndrome: Tips for Ergonomic Health in the Workplace

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Abstract

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) is a common condition that results from the compression of the median nerve in the wrist, often exacerbated by workplace ergonomics. This abstract provides an overview of effective strategies for preventing CTS, particularly in occupational settings where repetitive hand movements and poor posture are prevalent. Key prevention tips include optimizing workstation design such as adjusting chair height, monitor position, and keyboard for continuous awareness and education in the workplace.

K : Carpal tunnel syndrome; Ergonomics; Prevention; Workstation Design; Repetitive Motion; Employee education

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Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) has emerged as a significant occupational health concern, particularly in environments that require repetitive hand movements and prolonged wrist flexion [1]. Characterized by the compression of the median nerve as it travels through the carpal tunnel in the wrist, CTS can lead to symptoms such as pain, numbness, and weakness in the hand, severely affecting an individual's ability to perform daily tasks and impacting overall productivity [2]. The rise in computer use and manual labor in various industries has contributed to the increasing prevalence of CTS. As workers engage in repetitive motions whether typing, using handheld tools, or performing assembly tasks the risk of developing CTS escalates. Understanding the role of ergonomics in the workplace is essential for preventing this condition. Proper ergonomic practices can help minimize strain on the wrist and promote a healthier working environment [3-5]. This introduction outlines the significance of implementing preventive measures against CTS in the workplace. By focusing on ergonomic health, organizations can not only protect their employees from the risks associated with this syndrome but also foster a culture of well-being and productivity. The following sections will provide actionable tips and strategies aimed at creating a safer and more ergonomic workplace.

Materials and Methods

This section outlines the materials and methods used to identify and implement strategies for preventing Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) in the workplace [6]. The focus was on a comprehensive ergonomic assessment combined with employee education and practical interventions. Ergonomic assessment checklists to evaluate workstation setups. Measurement tools (e.g., measuring tape, angle gauges) for analyzing desk height, chair height, and monitor positioning. Informational pamphlets and guides on CTS and ergonomic practices. Visual aids, such as posters demonstrating proper posture and stretching exercises. Ergonomic chairs with adjustable features. Keyboard and mouse designs that promote wrist neutrality. Wrist supports and splints for preventive use. Conduct a thorough ergonomic assessment of each employee's workstation to identify risk

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can create a healthier working environment that supports proper posture and reduces repetitive strain. By prioritizing ergonomic health, businesses not only protect their employees from the debilitating effects of CTS but also foster a culture of safety and well-being. Regular monitoring and feedback mechanisms ensure that ergonomic strategies remain effective and adaptable to changing workplace dynamics. As awareness of the importance of ergonomics continues to grow, organizations are encouraged to adopt these preventive measures, ultimately leading to a reduction in CTS incidence and enhanced overall productivity. In summary, proactive approaches to ergonomics in the workplace are essential for preventing Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, promoting a healthier workforce, and ensuring sustainable organizational success.

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