## Editorial

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In the past, much work-related illness involved relatively majobut more challenging. Since many confounders can limit the precision exposure to toxic agents with e ects that tended to be acute and such studies, their value will be increased if ndings can be paralleled severe. As occupational hazards have been increasingly recognized tay desults from experimental animal models. Such substantiation regulated, the incidence of such events has declined. However, theare strengthen a suspected link between a speci c exposure and is an increasing recognition of the long-term health consequences any pathological outcome. e almost invariable epidemiological low-level exposures to harmful agents. Illness incurred by this means such substantiation medicine increasingly relates to the health a er exposure, and may coincide with many common conditions ects of the general environment. ere is a gradual transition not involving work exposure. For example Parkinson's disease has fram high dose exposures, to more subtle e ects of prolonged low-greater incidence among those employed in certain industries but lisvel exposure on health. Since such chronic changes can mimic or also prevalent in the general population. e future of occupational interact with other diseases or the avire i asno5(s)5(t)e snsitas denm medicine will thus increasingly overlap with more environmentally widespread issues. is will make epidemiological studies important

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