



Common Industry Hazards

Medical Industry Accident Trends and Exposures

The most prevalent exposures for **Texas Medical Group Operations** are falls, strains, cut/punctures, misc., struck-by.

<u>Cause of Loss</u>	<u>% of Claims</u>	<u>% of Incurred</u>	<u>Average \$ Per Claim</u>
FALLS/SLIPS or TRIPS	24.0%	29.8%	\$3,424
STRAIN/INJURIES	20.7%	39.0%	\$5,189
CUT/PUNCTURES	20.5%	2.8%	\$381
MISCELLANEOUS	12.1%	12.1%	\$2,743
STRUCK BY	8.7%	6.1%	\$1,925

How are these accidents happening?

Falls:

- Slippery floors from spills, wet areas, grease and food debris.
- Poor housekeeping.
- Uneven surfaces.
- Falls from improper use of ladders or step stools.
- Falls outside the office in parking lots, sidewalks, home health care visits to patient homes.

Strains:

- Lifting/Assisting patients (i.e. transfers from wheelchairs, beds, toilets, showers).
- Handling aggressive patients.
- Lifting food trays.
- Lifting various inventory, file boxes, supplies, and equipment.

Struck/By:

- Struck by Patients with Mental Disabilities or Patient Visitors
- Struck by Co-Workers
- Struck by objects being lifted and carried
- Struck by Vehicles

Cut/Punctures:

- Cuts from sharp medical instruments.
- Contact with needles while handling laundry.
- Improper handling and disposal of needles and other sharps.
- Broken glasses and bottles.

Motor Vehicles:

- Vehicle accidents while driving to medical facilities and/or client homes.
- Driver distractions such as **cell phones**, eating, adjusting radio, etc.
- Driver fatigue.
- Excessive speed.
- **Failure to wear seatbelts**