

Nurse's Illness Caused by Exposure to Mould at Work



A nurse at a nursing home reported respiratory problems, headaches, fatigue and other symptoms. Her doctor concluded that her illness was from "chronic workplace mould exposure." Her workers' comp claim was denied. But on appeal, it was approved. The Appeals Tribunal ruled that there was no evidence to suggest that the nurse's allergic reaction was created by anything other than toxic mould exposure in the workplace. Her symptoms increased when she entered known problems areas at the nursing home and quickly receded when she left work. Thus, it's more likely than not the workplace caused her illness [Re: 20116278, [2012] CanLII 7255 (NB WHSCC), Feb. 6, 2012].