Worker's Wrist Injury Caused by Repetitive Scanning on the Job



A worker filed a workers' comp claim for a repetitive stress injury to her wrist she said was caused by using a hand-held inventory scanner on the job. The claim was denied so she appealed. The Appeals Tribunal approved her claim. Based on pictures and other evidence, the worker's duties were clearly repetitive in nature and involved scanning up to 1,000 items per shift combined with awkward wrist posturing and wrist flexion. And her chiropractor said it was 'obvious' that the cause of her injury was the repetitive motion of her hand while at work [20157751 (Re), [2016] CanLII 132 (NB WCAT), Jan. 5, 2016].