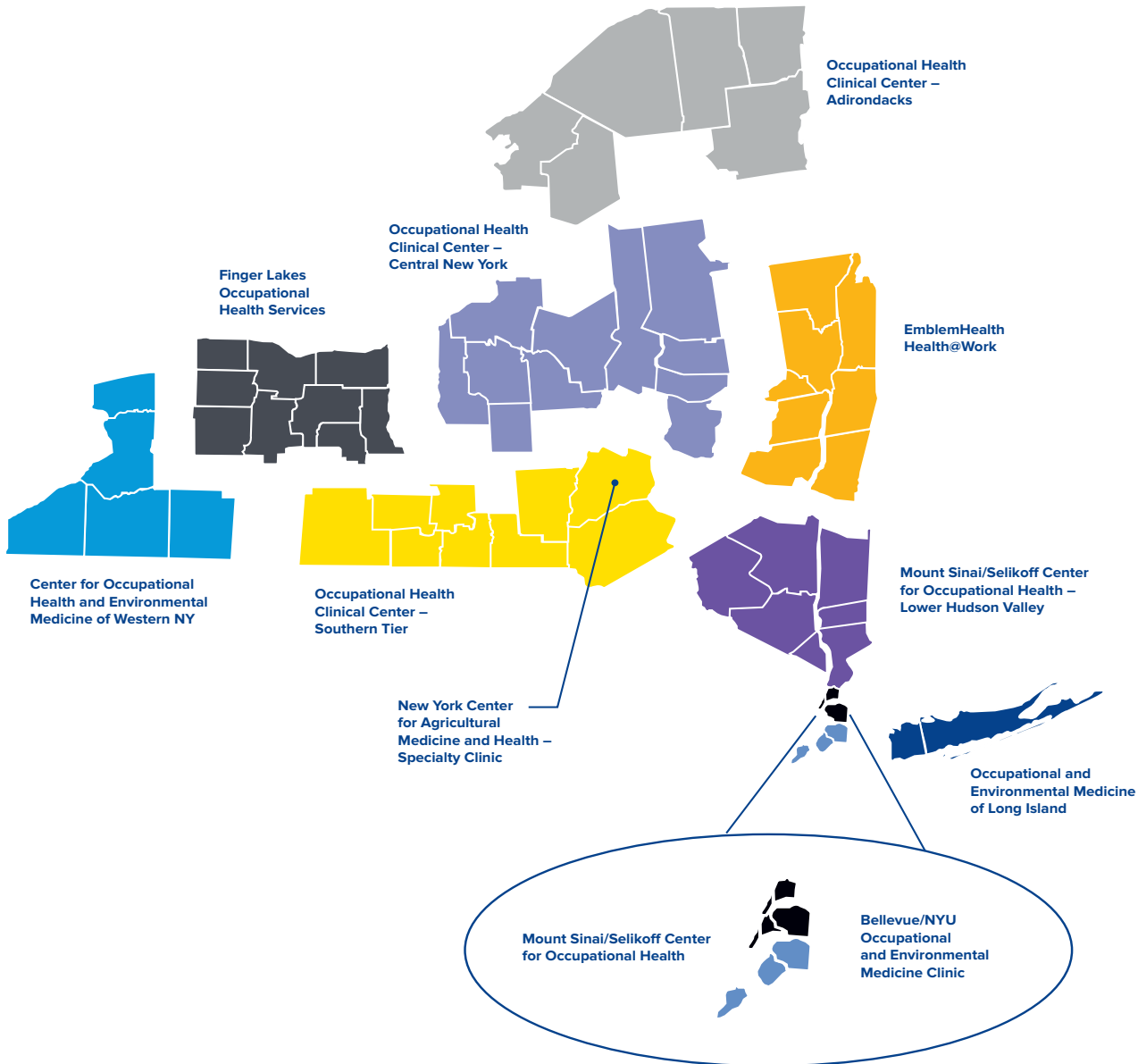


# NEW YORK STATE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CLINICS



## Occupational Health Clinic Network Referrals

If a patient may have a work-related health condition, consider a referral to your local Occupational Health Clinic.

### Call:

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| Western region:  | 716-898-5858 |
| Finger Lakes region:   | 800-925-8615 |
| Central region:  | 315-432-8899 |
| Eastern region:  | 518-690-4420 |
| Mid-Hudson region:   | 888-702-0630 |
| Cooperstown Specialty Ag. Clinic:                            | 800-343-7527 |
| NYC region:  |              |
| 1) Mount Sinai Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health:     | 888-702-0630 |
| 2) Bellevue/ NYU Occupational Environmental Medicine Clinic: | 212-562-4572 |
| LI region:   |              |
| (New Hyde Park) or   | 516-492-3297 |
| (Islandia)   | 631-439-5300 |

For more information, contact your local **Occupational Health Clinic**, or the **New York State Department of Health** at:

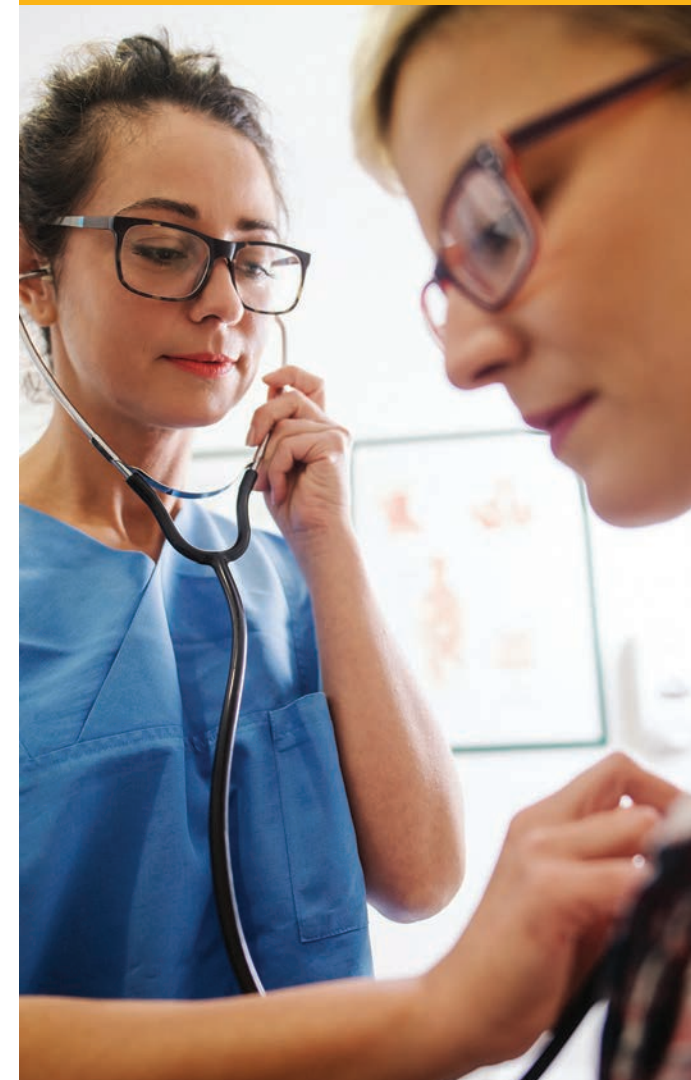
**1-866-807-2130**

<http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/workplace/clinic.htm>



PROTECTING THE WORKERS OF NEW YORK STATE

# NYS Occupational Health Clinic Network



Each year, thousands of workers in New York get sick or injured on the job. Since 1987, the New York State Occupational Health Clinic Network (OHCN) has assisted New Yorkers by helping them to return to work safely and by preventing disease and injuries that may occur at work. OHCN clinics are located throughout the State, including a clinic in Cooperstown specializing in farm worker health and safety.

### What is the Occupational Health Clinic Network?

OHCN clinics provide a variety of standard medical examinations for workplace exposures. They also provide medical surveillance required for OSHA standard health conditions. Services include:

- consultation or referral of patients with occupational diseases or injuries
- providing worksite and social work interventions
- physicians who are specifically trained in identifying job related illnesses such as:
  - lead/heavy metal exposure
  - work-related respiratory disease such as asthma
  - carpal tunnel syndrome
  - low back pain
  - dermatologic disorders such as contact dermatitis
  - headaches and cognitive dysfunction from solvent exposure



### How can the Occupational Health Clinic Network assist health care providers?

The New York State OHCN offers consultations and management for patients with suspected occupational disease. Diverse treatment teams of experts in health and safety including physicians, nurses, industrial hygienists and social workers, can help determine if a patient's illness is work-related by:

- analyzing work environments and taking a complete work history
- identifying ways to prevent patients from being sick or injured on the job by evaluating causation and determining if the health condition is new or worsening in the occupational environment
- identifying appropriate medical tests and developing a specialized treatment plan
- providing a disability assessment and providing necessary medical documentation to begin a worker's compensation claim
- assisting with rehabilitation services
- collaborating with referring physicians and working with your patient's other doctors to ensure continuity of care

Providers should routinely ask their patients a few questions to assist in determining if a patient's health condition may be work-related, including:

- What kind of work do you do?
- Are you now or have you ever been exposed to dust, fumes, chemicals, radiation, or loud noise while at work?
- Do you have any symptoms that are better or worse when you are at work?
- Do you think your health problems could be related to your place or type of work?

