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## Re: WorkSafeBC and your patients with workplace injuries

Thank you for the helpful explanations in your article “WorkSafeBC and your patients with workplace injuries: Frequently asked questions” [*BCMj* 2022;64:432].

Regarding Form 8, you indicate that “If you are seeing a patient with a workplace injury or you suspect a workplace injury or condition, please fill out and submit a Form 8.”

This is slightly different from the instructions on your website,<sup>1</sup> which state that Form 8/11 needs to be sent “within three business days of the patient’s first visit if the physician suspects the worker may be disabled beyond the day of injury or if the claim is for a hernia, back condition, shoulder or knee strain/sprain, occupational disease, or mental disorder.”

Could you please clarify if the form should now be sent for *every* workplace injury or only for injuries that cause disability beyond the day of injury?

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### Reference

1. WorkSafeBC. Physician’s report (Form 8/11). 2015. Accessed 12 January 2023. [www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-care-providers/forms/physicians-report-form-811](http://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-care-providers/forms/physicians-report-form-811).

### Authors reply

Thank you for your query, Dr Moore. You are correct: Form 8 is required if you suspect the worker may be disabled beyond the day of injury or if the claim is for a hernia, back condition, shoulder or knee strain/sprain, occupational disease, or mental disorder.

However, if you choose to send in a Form 8 following the worker’s first visit to your office/facility when the above conditions are not met, that form is appreciated and will also be paid. Form 11 is required if your patient’s condition or treatment has changed since the last report or if your patient is ready for a return to work. The intent is that the physician does not feel obligated to send a Form 11 at every follow-up patient encounter. However, we appreciate a form being submitted if there is some change or your patient is not progressing in their recovery.

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