



YUKON WORKERS'
COMPENSATION
HEALTH AND
SAFETY BOARD

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HEART CASES

The board recognizes two basic categories of heart claims:

1. Direct injury to a heart as a consequence of trauma, electric shock, chemical toxicity, etcetera.
2. Work related aggravation of a heart disease through effort or severe unusual stress.

Where the heart injury occurs in the course of employment it shall be an acceptable claim unless medical opinion is that the worker's employment was not a causing factor.

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If it appears there may be some permanent disability the claim file is to be reviewed and the worker examined by a doctor specializing in the field of cardiology. On the basis of that examination, the Medical Specialist will estimate the degree of permanent disability attributable to the episode and the decision concerning entitlement in that regard will be made accordingly.

In the case of direct injury to the heart as a consequence of trauma, electric shock, etcetera, all costs shall be charged to the Reserve for Industrial Diseases.

Where a claim is accepted on the basis of work related aggravation of existing heart disease the accident experience record of the employer will be charged in accordance with the policy on the Reserve for Enhanced Disability.