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We do not reassign health care workers trying to conceive, are pregnant, or breastfeeding who are working with hazardous drugs. It is built into the policy if they should choose to request a reassignment, they may do so, but have not seen any such request. We have had several of our nurses get pregnant, carry to full term, and breastfeed while caring for patients receiving hazardous drugs without complications.

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Joy in looking and comprehending  
is nature's most beautiful gift.  
~ Albert Einstein



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**NIOSH Wants Information on Adverse Reproductive Effects of Hazardous Drugs**

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) on September 16 announced plans to develop recommendations on alternative duty and administrative controls that protect health care workers and their offspring from the potential adverse reproductive effects of hazardous drugs. To develop the recommendations, the agency wants information on employers' temporary reassignment of health care workers who work with hazardous drugs, particularly workers trying to conceive and women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Comments are due to NIOSH by November 16.

You may submit comments, identified by docket number NIOSH-150, by any of the following methods:

- Mail: NIOSH Docket Office,  
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