

# **PNEUMOCONIOSES IN BULGARIA – PREVALENCE, DEVELOPMENT, PROGNOSIS AND PREVENTION**

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## **SUMMARY**

Prevalence of the basis types of pneumoconioses (silicosis, silicotuberculosis, asbestosis) in Bulgaria was studied during a 7-year period (1985–1991). Information was taken from reports of the Department for silicosis and other pneumoconioses control in the country. As a basis of the investigation serves the total number of workers endangered by dust exposure in different risk branches. The more rarely encountered pneumoconioses are referred to in absolute numbers. Trends in the development and prognosis of the most frequently encountered pneumoconioses in Bulgaria could be followed. Recommendations are given for future preventive activity.

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