

Trends in Worksite Health Literature 1969-1999.

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This study took advantage of a historical database of worksite health articles dating to 1969 and containing more than 3,000 articles. The purpose was to describe the trends in publication topics in the worksite health literature since the field began. Interesting trends were seen as the field expanded its focus from primarily heart disease and its associated risk factors to topics such as family-life issues, safety and demand management. Exercise was the main topic of interest during the 1980s. Injury prevention and safety represented a small percentage of articles until the mid-1990s. Smoking received more attention during the late 1980s and early 1990s than at other times. Articles dealing with disease and disease management gained prominence in the 1990s. Work-life topics have become more common during the past few years. These observations may give some indication of where the field is headed in the new millennium.