

Occupational hazards to the pregnant orthopaedic surgeon

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Within the orthopaedic medical field, there has been a significant increase in the number of female residents and surgeons. Thus, concerns have been brought to light regarding the health of the female physician and her fetus or neonate due to the work environment. Occupational risks, specifically to the pregnant orthopaedic surgeon, are becoming an important issue within the medical field. Such risks include exposure to methylmethacrylate (MMA), anesthetic gases, blood borne pathogens, radiation, emotional stress and physical stress. In order for the pregnant orthopaedic surgeon to make informed decisions about her occupational exposures, she must become aware and knowledgeable about such exposures and be proactive for her and her child's health.

