

Title:	A study of factors influencing return to work after illness or injury
Issue/Rationale:	Does the data available within the existing WCB databases contain all potentially useful information to identify factors which influence return to work after illness or injury? Is this information relatively straight-forward or difficult to extract?
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify what factors are identified with an early, or conversely, a delayed return to work following illness or injury. • To compare a group of workers with specific illnesses/injuries who do not return to work within the times suggested by WCB's Disability Duration Guidelines with a group that do, in terms of a number of factors that may affect disability duration. • To evaluate the potential of pre-existing WCB records to provide data sufficient to answer questions such as this, relevant to WCB practice.
Anticipated Results/Impact:	Identification of how the WCB databases may be modified to optimize their use for identifying factors relevant to maximizing the probability of optimal recovery from a wide range of illnesses/injuries.
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