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Comments

Recommendations: 1. Continue with the research into better fit for PPE to improve use and compliance by workers, 2. Update the fit test requirements in two ways a. reduce some of the excessive requirements for low impact occupations (most Healthcare) no need for jogging, extreme movements, alter the taste test timing to take place after the fit evaluation to reduce test time requirements (will improve utilization by employers if time is reduced), b. Continue with proposal for initial medical evaluation and fit testing, reduce the requirement for annual testing unless conditions require (change in status-physical, change in health/medical, change in job function/PPE needs). Many medical facilities are short of staff and work on a time critical basis with little time for evaluations. Compliance will be improved if the annual retest is reduced and the time of testing is reduced (my experience with testing shows that a taste test before the fit test requires a long down time to eliminate the pretaste sensation and could be used as an after test step to rule out qualitative taste failures, with Bitrex this is rare). Thanks for the opportunity to comment.