



## CALL FOR EVIDENCE

### **Osteoarthritis of the knee: kneeling and squatting in construction workers**

The Industrial Injuries Advisory Council (IIAC) provides advice to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in Great Britain and the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland about the Industrial Injuries Scheme – the scheme by which employed earners in the UK receive benefits for industrial accidents or certain scheduled occupational diseases (prescribed diseases).

IIAC is currently undertaking a review of osteoarthritis of the knee in construction workers to consider whether current scientific or medical evidence justifies extending the prescription for Prescribed Disease A14 (Osteoarthritis of the knee) to any occupation(s) in this industry.

IIAC is looking for population based (epidemiological) evidence showing the risks of knee osteoarthritis in the construction trades, ideally, specific categories of workers such as bricklayers, pavers, electricians, roofers, plumbers, etc.

The Council would also welcome data on how *often* and *for how long* people in these different occupations kneel and squat during the course of their work.

Further information on the Scheme and the criteria IIAC uses in reviewing the terms of prescription can be found at [www.gov.uk/iiac](http://www.gov.uk/iiac).

Any organisation or individual with scientific or medical evidence to contribute to this review is invited to submit it to the Council at the address below no later than 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

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