Methods Data were collected from June 2009 to February 2010, from all elementary and junior high schools located in a northern sub-prefecture of Ibaraki, 100 km north of Tokyo (approximate population of 280,000). The information included school name, school address, the enrolment number by school, dates of absences from influenza-like illness (type-A), date of class closure and date of school closure. Impacts of school closure was analysed considering timing of closure, enrolment number, geographical location.

Result All 68 schools responded for study. 8576 out of 23880 (145290 person-months) enrolled school children were infected. We classified these schools into two groups according to date of school closure. The difference of incidence between two groups was estimated with the RR with 95% CI. The incidence rates in the early and late school closure groups were 71.6 and 64.9 (1/1000 person-months), respectively. RR was 1.10 (95% CI 1.05 to 1.15), which was significant.

Conclusion The result would show that the early school closure may have impact to prevent infection number of A/H1N1 influenza. 

IS SOCIAL CAPITAL IN THE WORKPLACE ASSOCIATED WITH WORK-RELATED INJURY AND DISABILITY? A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGIC LITERATURE

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Introduction Social capital is defined as resources embedded in social relationships. Social capital in the workplace may include social support, interpersonal trust, respect, and reciprocity, and may occur at both the worker and workplace level. The objective of this study was to determine if social capital in the workplace is associated with work-related injury or disability.

Methods A systematic review of the epidemiologic literature was conducted. Studies were identified from 1990 to 2008 relevant to social capital in the workplace and work-related injury or disability. Identified studies were critically appraised for methodological quality by two qualified independent reviewers. Findings represent a best evidence synthesis of the literature.

Results Sixty-six studies were scientifically reviewed. Forty-two studies were excluded due to poor methodological quality. The remaining 24 consisted of 14 studies examining the association between social capital in the workplace and work-related injury, eight focused on disability, and two studied both injury and disability. Only two studies included workplace-level social capital, the remaining focused on individual-level worker social capital. Limitations of the literature include unclear social capital, injury and disability definitions, limited study populations, and weak study designs.

Conclusions Limitations preclude stating consistent conclusions. The evidence suggests an association between individual worker social capital and work disability. Group-level social capital may be important in the development of work-related injury and disability. We summarised the literature, highlighted its strengths and weaknesses, and provided suggestions for future work.

P1-366 A PROSPECTIVE MIXED METHODS COHORT STUDY TO ASSESS ETHNIC INEQUALITIES IN PATIENT SAFETY IN DUTCH HOSPITAL CARE

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Introduction USA studies showed an increased risk of patient safety incidents in hospital care among ethnic minorities, but in Europe ethnic disparities in patient safety have never been analysed. The present study aims to 1. Assess the risk of patient safety events in patients of non-western origin, and 3. Explore causal mechanisms in patient-provider interaction.

Methods Prospective mixed methods cohort study in four hospitals.

Results Recruitment has started in December, 2010 and will continue for 24 months. Presently, 50 patients were recruited. By August, preliminary data and practical lessons from data collection will be available.