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I SUPPORT THE PROPOSED STANDARD IN IMPROVING THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS.. THIS CERTIFICATION PROCESS WILL FINALLY ADDRESS THE HEALTH CARE SETTING AND THE 95% FILTER EFFICIENCY SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR MOST HEALTH CARE WORKER NEEDS.

I HAVE BEEN IN EMPLOYEE HEALTH FOR OVER 8 YEARS; HAVE HAD ONLY 3 INSTANCES OF HEALTH CARE WORKER EXPOSURE IN WHICH A MASK WAS NOT USED BECAUSE THE PATIENT WAS NOT IDENTIFIED IN A TIMELY MANNER. EVEN IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE WERE NO SKIN TEST CONVERSIONS. THE 1990 CDC GUIDELINES, WHEN ENFORCED, HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO BE ADEQUATE IN EMPLOYEE PROTECTION FROM TUBERCULOSIS!

SINCERELY,
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