

**Attachment O**

**Informational Flyer for Follow-up Visits**



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## **Airplane Cargo Baggage Handling Study**

**WHO:** You are chosen because you participated in our baseline survey.

**WHY:** NIOSH wants to find out if the lifting assist systems (vacuum lift and power stow) are useful for reducing the risk of musculoskeletal injuries, such as back, shoulder, neck and knee pain, potentially caused by your work. To evaluate the effects of the lifting assist systems properly, we need to follow you up on your work methods and health conditions monthly for 2 years.

**WHAT:** You are being asked to fill out a monthly or annual questionnaire. Similar to the baseline data collection, the follow-up monthly and annual data collections are voluntary and secure to the extent possible. Questionnaires can be completed during your work time. It takes about 10 minutes to complete the monthly survey and 30 minutes to complete the annual survey. The monthly surveys are for investigating your pain symptoms, personal health history, work information and job environment in the past month. Some company records may be used to confirm the pain symptoms. Pregnant women will be excluded from the study because pregnancy has been shown to be highly related to musculoskeletal symptoms that may not be caused by your job demands. If you are pregnant, please mark it on the questionnaire.

**RISKS/BENEFITS:** There are minimal risks for you to participate. Your questionnaire data will not be provided to your company. There may be a risk of loss of security of the data you provided due to a breach in our computer systems, although data are well protected to the extent allowed by law. There may not be immediate direct benefits to you from participating in the study, but the information you provided will help NIOSH understand the risk of musculoskeletal injuries with and without the lifting assist systems. The information may also be used for improving the designs of the lifting assist systems.

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