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General Comment

There should be some formal collection of miners health records to help prevent pulmonary diseases. When I was working at the airport for five years we had to take annual hearing screening which the company collected the data and showed us over the five years if our hearing got worse or stayed the same. You could develop an application or excel spreadsheet which you could place the pulmonary function test results or whatever initial screening tool and if there is a big decrease in function over time that individual could be flagged for further testing. There needs to be a tool developed for these coal miners because they risk their life for us the least we could do is make sure they aren't getting sicker by doing their job.