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Missouri Podiatry Clinic Cited for Improper Handling of Medical Waste

ROLLA, MO – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Anderson Foot and Ankle Clinic for potentially exposing employees to infectious materials, and for violations of the hazard communication standard. The agency proposed penalties totaling \$93,074.

OSHA inspectors cited the Rolla-based podiatry clinic for improperly handling medical waste, failing to review the exposure control plan annually, and failing to provide vaccines for employees exposed to bloodborne pathogens. The clinic also was cited for failing to update safety data sheets, and for lacking a list of hazardous chemicals used in the workplace.

“Providing training and following required protocols will help protect this clinic’s staff from serious or life-threatening illnesses or injury,” said OSHA Area Director Bill McDonald, in St. Louis. “Employers should always encourage and require appropriate precautions.”

The company has 15 business days from receipt of its [citations](#) (https://www.dol.gov/sites/default/files/newsroom/newsreleases/OSHA20171444_2_0.pdf) and penalties to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA’s area director, or contest the findings before the independent [Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission](#) (<https://www.oshrc.gov/>).

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education, and assistance. For more information, visit [http://www.osha.gov. \(/\)](http://www.osha.gov. (/))

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