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## A Portugal Perspective of Silicosis in a Poster Review

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Silicosis is a well-known fibrogenic lung disease which is probably one of the most ancient occupational illness. Silicosis is a prevalent disease currently without specific treatment. So, a preventive strategy is always the best option. An effective silicosis preventive strategy should be based on the primary and secondary prevention approaches.

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Despite all efforts to prevent it, silicosis is widely spread in most parts of the world and millions of workers continue to be exposed to noxious dusts running a high risk of developing silicosis and other pneumoconioses. In some cases like Portugal, silicosis is present in particular regions of the country.

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Among the potential complications is tuberculosis, for which silicotic patients may have a risk up to 40 times higher than that of the general population.

This work will give a perspective of this disease from Portugal to the world.

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