



# INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF **ARIZONA**

## Substantive Policy Statement

<b>Title: Definition of Adenocarcinoma in the Scope of Firefighter and Fire Investigator Workers' Compensation Claims</b>	<b>Effective: January 23, 2025</b>
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### **Definition of Adenocarcinoma in the Scope of Firefighter and Fire Investigator Workers' Compensation Claims**

Adenocarcinoma, as applied within the scope of workers' compensation claims shall be interpreted as a standalone condition and does not need to be "of the respiratory tract" to qualify under the workers' compensation statutes.

Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 23-901.09(A)(1) states:

A. Notwithstanding § 23-901.01, subsection A and § 23-1043.01:

1. Any disease, infirmity or impairment of a firefighter's or fire investigator's health that is **caused by brain, bladder, rectal or colon cancer, lymphoma, leukemia or adenocarcinoma or mesothelioma of the respiratory tract** and that results in disability or death is presumed to be an occupational disease as defined in § 23-901, paragraph 13, subdivision (c) and is deemed to arise out of employment.

However, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R20-5-1407(T) further clarifies and states the primary types of cancers and cancer codes for cancer reporting and reimbursement submitted under A.R.S. Title 23, Chapter 11, and firefighter and fire investigator cancer claim reporting under A.R.S. § 23-971. Under A.A.C. R20-5-1407(T), “Adenocarcinoma” is listed separately and has its own code distinct from “mesothelioma of the respiratory tract.” Therefore, Adenocarcinoma shall not be interpreted under A.R.S. § 23-901.09 (A)(1) to be limited to or required to be “of the respiratory tract.”