

AOEC E-News February 2010

AOEC Activities

The member clinics voted overwhelmingly in favor of the revised *Patient Bill of Rights*. A copy of the new document is available on the AOEC web site at <http://www.aoec.org/principles.htm> or by contacting the AOEC office.

A reminder that AOEC will be hosting a breakfast at the Annual American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC) at the Shingle Creek Resort. Join us for coffee and conversation. This year's breakfast will be held on **May 1, 2010** beginning at 7 am. We're scheduled to be in Wekiwa 2 but as always with major conferences, please check the schedule board that morning to be sure we haven't been moved.

AOEC will also have an exhibit of materials at the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses Annual Conference which takes place in Anaheim, CA April 9-15, 2010. For additional information on the AAOHN conference go to <https://www.aaohn.org/conference-items/aaohn-2010-annual-conference.html>

View from Vermont Avenue by Katherine Kirkland, Executive Director

With the hope that we're through with the majority of snow for the season, DC is back to work. We appreciate the patience of our members as the AOEC staff worked from home for most of a week. Because we are an office that believes in full utilization of public transportation, as a general rule, when the federal offices are closed, we're closed. We also appreciated all the suggestions about moving the AOEC offices to warmer climes and the humorous comments about being our being snow wimps. I hereby make a deal with anyone from snowier climes that if you loan the Metro DC/MD/VA governments some real snow plows, the AOEC staff will show up at work. When you see a Bobcat not much bigger than a riding lawn mower trying to clear the Capitol Beltway, it's a sign to stay home and wait for some melting.

Of course, if you read the *Washington Post* back to work on Capitol Hill means we're back to a period of all health care all the time interspersed with a brief flurry of jobs creation. However, there are other things going on up on the Hill. The various committees will be holding hearings on proposed budgets e.g. this week the Environment and Public Works Committee is reviewing the President's proposals for EPA. While the real debate won't occur until each of the departmental budgets reach the Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate it is important to keep track of what's being recommended by the respective committees. If anyone is interested in joining DC's favorite spectator sport, a list of all hearings can be found on the Library of Congress web site at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/schedules.html>.

The general news on federal budgets is Belt Tightening 101. OSHA seems to be doing the best with the President's budget asking for an additional 2.5%. NIOSH has been marked for an extra .7% (that is point 7%). The National Occupational Research Agenda will add an additional \$91 million which again is about the same as last year and the World Trade Center programs are

slated to receive an extra \$150 million. The FY 2011 President's Budget Request of \$76.3 million for ATSDR which represents a decrease of \$455,000 from FY2010 which is about a .5% decrease. The good news is the PEHSU program is mentioned by name and listed as "maintain". CDC overall took about a \$200 million dollar hit but a lot of that was due to the lack of stimulus funds that increased the 2010 budget.

New from Federal Agencies

The Department of Labor will hold a *National Action Summit for Latino Worker Health and Safety / Cumbre de Acción Nacional para la Salud y Seguridad del Trabajador Latino* on April 14 - 15, 2010 in Houston, Texas. Registration is now open at <http://www.osha.gov/latinosummit/index.html>

NIOSH is still looking for comments on its latest draft of "Asbestos Fibers and Other Elongate Mineral Particles: State of the Science and Roadmap for Research" <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-02-19-10.html>

OSHA's Office of Occupational Health Nursing has revised OSHA Publication 3162: Screening & Surveillance: A Guide to OSHA Standards. This publication is available for download on the OSHA website at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/osha3162.pdf> You may also order copies from OSHA's Publications Office at <https://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.athruz?pType=Types&pID=1> by scrolling down to the title & clicking Order Now or by calling the Publications Office at 202-693-1888.

Another activity of OSHA is the OSHA Listens day. This was postponed due to the snow in DC and will take place on March 4, 2010. AOEC will have a few minutes to present a case for promoting OSH careers due to compensate for the number of retiring OSH professionals and expand the field as a whole.

Positions Available

Faculty Position In Occupational Medicine-Ohio State University

The Department of Family Medicine at the Ohio State University invites applications for a clinical faculty position in occupational medicine. The responsibilities of the position are primarily clinical although teaching and research opportunities are possible. Applicants should have an MD or DO degree and should be board certified or board eligible in Occupational Medicine. Please send a curricula vitae to Eric Schaub, M.D., MPH, Department of Family Medicine, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 2231 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43201 or eric.schaub@osumc.edu.

Nurse Practitioner-Upstate New York

The Occupational Health Clinical Center (OHCC) is looking for an NP. The NP will take a leading role on a progressive, multi-disciplinary team in Canton, NY, an office that serves a six-

county region in northern New York. To find out more about this position and to apply, visit www.upstate.edu and search for job #027169.

Conferences and Meetings

Agricultural Medicine: The Core Course

Occupational and Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals

Thursday – Saturday • March 18 - 20, 2010

This AgriSafe Training course is the first in Wisconsin to offer a core curriculum in agricultural medicine, health, and safety. It is designed to train rural health care providers for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of agricultural occupational illnesses and injuries.

Registration information at <http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/cme> or contact Marshfield Clinic CME at 715-389-3776 or 1-866-894-3622, ext. 9-3776.

April 7, 2010 NC OSHERC NORA Interdisciplinary Seminar.

1:00pm to 2:30pm ET

Mayes Center, Room 230, Rosenau Hall, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

Glenn Pransky, Director for Disability Research, Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety

Return to Work Coordination Competencies and Implications for Occupational Health Practice

The seminar will also be webcast: <http://breeze.unc.edu/sphnoraseminar> and the archive link will be available in 2-3 days after the seminar. CE credits will be applied for (1.5 contact hours or 0.15 CEUs); cost is \$6.00 per person with check payable to NC OSHERC. CM points for CIH will be applied for (0.25 CM points); no cost

American Association of Occupational Health Nurses Annual Conference

Anaheim, CA April 9-15, 2010

AAOHN Annual Conference is the premier educational and networking event for occupational health nurses and other professionals in related disciplines.

<https://www.aaohn.org/conference-items/aaohn-2010-annual-conference.html>

National Action Summit for Latino Worker Health and Safety / Cumbre de Acción Nacional para la Salud y Seguridad del Trabajador Latino

April 14 - 15, 2010 in Houston, Texas. The goal of the conference is reducing injuries and illnesses among Latino workers by enhancing knowledge of their workplace rights and improving their ability to exercise those rights. Registration and additional information at

<http://www.osha.gov/latinosummit/index.html>

International Symposium of Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace and Environment (RHICOH 2010)

Taipei, Taiwan, April 20-21, 2010

The symposium is organized by the Department of Environmental and Occupational Medicine, National Taiwan University Hospital and in collaboration with the International Commission of Occupational Health (ICOH) Scientific Committee on Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace.

Information at: <http://www.rhicoh2010.tw/index.html>

Occupational Health under Globalization and New Technology

Taipei, Taiwan, April 20-25, 2010

The EPICOH and MEDICHEM Conferences are a series of annual meetings of the world's leading scientists and students working in Epidemiology and Chemical Safety in Occupational Health, where all participants share their latest research findings, exchange ideas and establish new collaborations. Information at: <http://www.epicohmedichem2010.tw>

American Occupational Health Conference

Orlando, FL May 2-5, 2010

The brochure is now available for the [2010 American Occupational Health Conference \(AOHC\)](#) to be held May 2-5 at Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, Florida.

Occupational Health and Safety Principles & Nursing Certification Review May 13-14, 2010; University of Illinois at Chicago

State of the art information in the field of occupational and environmental health and safety; Comprehensive workbook/resource manuals and classroom materials; Test taking techniques and strategies for examination preparation; Written tests prior, during, and at conclusion of seminar; Participative lectures. For more information: www.publichealthlearning.com and click Conference

Hindsight is 2020: Looking Back at the Last Decade, Looking Ahead to the Next Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Meeting

June 6 -10, 2010

Portland, Oregon

The conference connects with over 1,000 public health epidemiologists from across the country and will include workshops, plenary sessions with leaders in the field of public health, oral breakout sessions, roundtable discussions and poster presentations.

<http://www.cste.org/conference/>

4th Int'l Conference on the History of Occupational and Environmental Health

June 19-22, 2010

San Francisco, CA

The event is organized by the Office of Continuing Medical Education of the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and includes a half-day pre-meeting workshop on Occupational and Environmental History Methods on June 19th. Fellows are invited to view detailed event information at <http://www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/>

Annual Conference of the National Institute for Farm Safety (nifs)

June 27 - July 1, 2010

Wilmington, NC

North Carolina Agromedicine Institute and NC Cooperative Extension in collaboration with Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health For more information, contact Robin Tutor, Interim Director, NC Agromedicine Institute, tutorr@ecu.edu or Julia Storm, Agromedicine Information Specialist, julia_storm@ncsu.edu.

Educational Courses

The New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (www.necoem.org) has just released nine highly informative lectures on occupational and environmental medicine for its podcast site. These were lectures delivered during the December 2009 NECOEM Conference in Boston. Simply go to www.necoem.libsyn.com. Lectures included: 1. Moving Beyond Fossil Fuels: Good Science Makes Good Policy (John Spengler, PhD and Richard Donahue, MD, MPH) 2. Surgical Considerations for the Injured Worker With Low Back Pain (Terrence Doorly, MD) 3. Adolescent and Child Labor, at Home and Abroad (Rose Goldman, MD, MPH) 4. FMLA: A Corner of the Bermuda Triangle (Adam Forman, Esq) 5. Respirator Safety in Workers With COPD and Asthma (Stephen Wintermeyer, MD, MPH) 6. Components of Long Working Hours and Implications for Occupational Medicine (David Lombardi, PhD) 7. Pandemic Influenza: Protection of Healthcare Workers (Don Milton, MD, DrPH) 8. Diagnosis of Shoulder Injuries in Occupational Medicine; Lecture and Demonstration (Tom Gill, MD) 9. Orthopedic Management of Occupational Hand Injuries (David Ring, MD, PhD)

Free Online CME Course for Health Care Providers – Adult Lead Poisoning

The California Department of Public Health's Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is pleased to announce a new online course - *Overview of Adult/Occupational Lead Poisoning in California*. Based on the latest health information about lead poisoning, this course:

- Describes the problem of adult lead poisoning
- Uses a case to illustrate issues and challenges in diagnosing lead poisoning in adult patients
- Offers guidelines for providing state-of-the-art clinical management of adult lead poisoning
- Provides an overview of the medical responsibilities under OSHA Lead Standards

While developed for a California audience, the material in this course is applicable to anyone interested in the care of lead-exposed adults.

Course available at <https://chtapps.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/servlet/QaStudy?tid=269>

US-Mexico Border Health Training Opportunity

The South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER) Program of the University of Texas School of Medicine-San Antonio (UTSOMSA) provides in vivo training experiences at the US-Mexico Border for medical students, residents and other health professionals in an unique and informative setting. STEER engages nearly 100 instructors, most of them volunteers, including health department leaders, community healthcare workers, and professors, to teach the dozens of ½ to 1-day segments that make up the 4-week program.

STEER program is offered monthly if there are at least three qualified applicants. Limit of 10 students per rotation. See the website <http://steer.uthscsa.edu> for information and a downloadable application, or contact directly: steer@uthscsa.edu.

NIOSH Approved Spirometry Courses

All the currently approved NIOSH spirometry courses which are available are listed at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/drds/spirometry/schedule.asp>

North Carolina Occupation Safety and Health Education and Research Center

Occupational Health Nursing

Master's in Public Health in the Occupational Health Nursing concentration via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill is only a click away. You can attend classes on-line anytime of the day or night. Tuition assistance is available. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf (judy_ostendorf@unc.edu) or Bonnie Rogers (rogersb@email.unc.edu) and visit our website:

http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/distance_mph_in_occupational_health_nursing_2083_7115.html

Earn a Certificate in Occupational Health Nursing via distance education from The University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill. Earn 11 – 12 academic credits in 12 months, which could be transferred into the MPH Program. You can attend classes on-line anytime of the day or night. For more information contact Judy Ostendorf (judy_ostendorf@unc.edu) or Bonnie Rogers (rogersb@email.unc.edu) and visit our website:

http://www.sph.unc.edu/phlp/occupational_health_nursing_certificate_4796_8853.html

Short Course in Occupational Safety

Apr 19-23, 2010; May 18-20, 2010 in Chapel Hill, NC

<http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/email/shortcourses2.htm>

Certification Review Courses http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/cert_review.htm

Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene Online August 24-December 8, 2010

http://osherc.sph.unc.edu/ce/courses/fund_ind_hyg_online.htm

Correspondence Course: Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management

Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (RMCOEH)

Practical Aspects of Health and Safety Management, that is based on the Royce Moser, MD, MPH text, "Effective Management of Health and Safety Programs--A Practical Guide, 3rd Edition". Reflecting the additional chapters and other material in the 3rd edition, it is approved for a maximum of 45 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. It is also approved by the American Board of Preventive Medicine as meeting the requirements of an educational module under the ABPM re-certification program. Information on the book can be found at

<http://www.oempress.com/product/347/1>. A brochure for the correspondence course can be found at <http://medicine.utah.edu/rmcoeh/ContEdProg/pammgmt1.pdf>.

Free Online Continuing Education Course for Health Professionals on Pediatric Environmental Health

Now Available at: http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes/health_professionals/pediatrics.html

This course is based on the Pediatric Environmental Health Toolkit: An American Academy of Pediatrics endorsed clinical tool. This is an online course developed in conjunction with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) Division of Toxicology and

Environmental Medicine, the University of California San Francisco Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, Greater Boston. Free 1.5 Credit Hours for: Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, other health professionals (check the course site). Access this interactive online course in the comfort of your own home or office to increase your knowledge base of common pediatric environmental health issues. Users can log in and out to complete the course in several sessions.

Additional ATSDR Environmental Health and Medicine continuing education offerings can be found at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/emes>

Massachusetts Nurses Association- Health and Safety Courses Online

Available at <http://www.massnurses.org/nursing-resources/continuing-education/mna-ce-online>
Course topics currently include: Workplace Violence, Fragrance Free! Creating a Safe Healthcare Environment, Latex Allergy Program, Fatigue and Sleeplessness, and Work-related Asthma in Nurses and their Co-workers.

Program requirements: To successfully complete a program and receive contact hours, you must read the entire program, take and pass the Post-Test and complete the Program Evaluation. To pass the Post-Test, you must achieve a score of 80% or above.

Accreditation: The MNA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

*All programs are free to MNA members and others.