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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Robert Fitzpatrick, D.O., MPH has been awarded Fellowship status in the organization of ACOEM. There is an annual, brief award ceremony at the AOHC (American Occupational Health Conference) in April in Chicago for all newly appointed Fellows in ACOEM.

Congratulations Dr. Fitzpatrick!



Victoria Cassano, MD, MPH **FACOEM** has been appointed to the Energy Advisory Board's Federal Advisory Committee on Toxic Substances and Worker Health. The Committee is sponsored by the Department of Labor in support of the Energy Employees Occupational Injury Compensation Program (EEOICP).

Trends in Occupational Health



The March Trends in Occupational Health meeting focused on Establishing Partnership with Industry for Applied Research Projects.

Our guest facilitator for this month's meeting was



Dr. Martin Chenack, a professional of medicine at UConn Health.

Dr. Cherniack gave an interesting talk on his previous experiences in partnering with industry for worksite health intervention projects. If you are interested in obtaining more information on these topics, please contact Sara Namazi at namazi@uchc.edu or Lisa Rusch at sa.rusch@uconn.edu, and we will forward the articles discussed.



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PAR FORUM

The Center for the Promotion of Health in the New England Workplace (CPH-NEW) along with The Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention and Policy (InCHIP) and The Center for Environmental Health and Health Promotion (CEHHP) hosted a forum on March 30, 2016 on the UConn Storrs campus. The event focused on **Participatory Action Research (PAR)**, and featured a keynote presentation from Dr. Suzanne Cashman, a professor of Family Medicine & Community Health at the UMASS Medical School and Co-Director of Community Engagement. Panelists, including **Dr. Alicia Dugan**, provided real-world stories of their experiences within PAR. Attendees joined in a lively discussion of the benefits and barriers to this type of research, and continued the discussion within a roundtable breakout session. Attendees also heard from **Dr. Martin Cherniack** who introduced the CPH-NEW Research-to-Practice Pilot Grantees, Katrina Burch and **Dr. Jennifer Garza**. Katrina presented on *Reducing commuting stress and work-related rumination*. **Dr. Garza** presented on *Informing interventions to protect/promote the health of custodians*.

A special thanks to all coordinators and presenters for a successful afternoon!



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UPCOMING TALKS



**THERE WILL BE NO COLLOQUIUM TALK FOR
THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2016**

Our next Colloquium Session is scheduled for
May 4th, 2016.

with Guest Speaker:



**Thomas H. Winters, MD, FACOEM of
OEHN (Occupational & Environmental Health Network)**

Title of Talk:

“A Byte on Occupational Bite Injuries”

Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm

Location: UConn Health Outpatient Pavilion,
2nd floor, EAST Conference Room.

****Flyer to follow****

Colloquium Update



MEDIASITE APP

Starting with the May Colloquium, we will be providing live web streaming of the DOEM Colloquium Series. Colloquiums will be streamed using Mediasite, a web based service, which works with any browser (IE, Firefox, Chrome). Remote participants will be able to view the presentation and see the speaker in real time. Questions can be asked of the speaker through an instant messaging system. In addition, the Colloquium presentations will be recorded and available for future viewing.

More details and the URL link will be attached to the May Colloquium announcement. At this time, participants who remotely access the Colloquium Series will not be eligible for CMEs. This may change in the future.



PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ **Dugan, A.G.**, Farr DA, Namazi S, Henning RA, Wallace KN, El Ghaziri M, Punnett L, **Dussetschleger JL, Cherniack MG** Process Evaluation of Two Participatory Approaches: Implementing Total Worker Health® Interventions in a Correctional Workforce. American Journal of Industrial Medicine. (In press).
- ◆ Swede, H., Sarwar, A., Magge, A., Braithwaite, D., Cook, L., Gregorio, D., Jones, B., Hoag, J., Gonsalves, L., Salner, A., Zarfos, K., Andemariam, B., Stevens, R., **Dugan, A.**, Pensa, M., & Brockmeyer, J. Mortality Risk from Co-Morbidities independent of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Status: NCI SEER-based Cohort Analysis. Cancer Causes and Control. (In press).
- ◆ **Dugan, A.G.**, Fortinsky, R.H., **Barnes-Farrell, J.L.**, Kenny, A.M., Robison, J.T., **Warren, N.**, & **Cherniack, M.G.** Eldercare and competing demands effects on health and employment among manufacturing workers. Community, Work, and Family. (In press).
- ◆ Allison V. Downer, MD, and **Robert L. Trestman, MD, PhD.** The Prison Rape Elimination Act and Correctional Psychiatrists. J Am Acad Psychiatry Law 44:9–13, 2016



PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ **Dr. Mike Erdil** will be presenting a talk at the American Occupational Health Conference / American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Annual Conference. Low Back Surgery and Worker's Compensation: The Role of the Occupational Medicine Provider in Helping Patients Make Better Informed Decisions. Chicago, IL. Apr 11, 2016
- ◆ **Dr. Mike Erdil** and Dr. Wakefield will be presenting a talk at the Eastern Connecticut Health Network Manchester Memorial Hospital. Grand Rounds. Non-Surgical And Surgical Perspectives In The Treatment Of Patients With Low Back Pain. Manchester CT. May 12, 2016.

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