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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jenn Cavallari is the 2016 recipient of the Joan Segal Award for Outstanding Faculty Members, which is awarded “to an individual who, through their instructional and/or mentoring effort,” is having a significant impact on UConn public health students.

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Trends in Occupational Health

The April Trends in Occupational Health meeting focused on Workers' Memorial Day. Our guest facilitator was Jennifer Cavallari, an assistant professor in Community Medicine and Health at UCHC. Dr. Cavallari led a dynamic discussion on workplace fatalities and on the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHAct). If you are interested in obtaining more information on these topics, please contact Sara Namazi at namazi@uchc.edu or Lisa Rusch at lisa.rusch@uconn.edu, and we will forward the articles discussed.



Trends in Occupational Health cont'...

We will be holding our next “Trends in Occupational Health” discussion on Wednesday May 18th from 12-1:30pm in the Outpatient Pavilion **Seventh Floor** Conference Room **West**, at UConn Health. This month's topic will be **The Changing Nature of Work and Employment Relationships, Implications For Health and Safety, and Strategies For Surveillance of Illness and Injury Among Workers**. The guest facilitator will be Eileen Storey, MD, MPH, Professor Emerita UCONN Health School of Medicine. Dr Storey founded the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine/DOEM and was co-Director of the Center for Public Health and Health Policy before joining the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, where she currently is Chief, Surveillance Branch Division of Respiratory Disease Studies. She continues her association with DOEM providing guidance on educational initiatives for the Center for Indoor Environments and Health.

As always, lunch will be served!

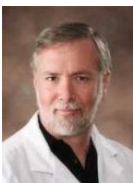
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UPCOMING TALKS

Our next Colloquium Session is scheduled for **June 1, 2016**

with **Guest Speakers:**

Drs. Andrew Wakefield, MD
and Michael Erdil, MD, FACOEM



Andrew Wakefield , MD is a Board Certified Neurosurgeon with CT Neurosurgery & Spine Associates LLC in Windsor, CT. Dr. Wakefield is a graduate of UConn School of Medicine and completed his residency at UConn Health in Neurosurgery before completing a Spine Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic and at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Wakefield is a member of the Department of Neurosurgery at Hartford Hospital. His interests include minimally invasive and complex reconstructive spine surgery in addition to treating a host of spine and other neurosurgical conditions.



Co-Presenter, **Michael Erdil, MD, FACOEM**, is a Board Certified Occupational Medicine physician with Occupational and Environmental Health Network in Marlborough MA, and an Assistant Professor at UConn Health in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Occupational Medicine. Dr. Erdil has been involved with the development of practice guidelines for musculoskeletal disorders including serving as a reviewer for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research Acute Low Back Problems in Adults 1994; and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Occupational Medicine Practice Guidelines 1st edition 1997. Dr. Erdil serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Official Disability Guidelines Treatment in Workers Comp, and has recently joined UpToDate to author Occupational Low Back Pain.

They will be presenting a seminar on **Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

Title of Talk: *"Evaluation And Treatment Of Neck Pain: Non-Surgical Vs. Surgical Options".*

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

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

****Flyer to follow****



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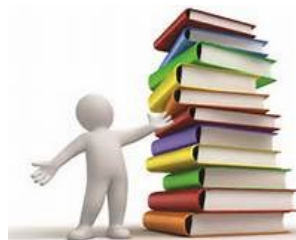
PRESENTATIONS



Paula Schenck, MPH, Director of Indoor Environment and Health Programs, was a featured speaker on *Resolving an IAQ Complaint: Health issues* and she facilitated an afternoon workshop -*To Test or Not to Test (IAQ assessments where microbial and chemical contaminants are a concern)* at: *The Maine Indoor Air Quality Council Northeast Indoor Air Quality & Energy Conference* April 11, 2016.

Paula Schenck, Christina Mullin and Thomas St. Louis (from CT DPH) developed an abstract -*New Challenges from Severe Wet Weather: Preventing Respiratory Disease in Hurricane Recovery Workers-* that was accepted for a poster presentation at the upcoming Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists/CSTE Annual Conference in June.

Publications



Garza JL, Mittleman MA, Zhang J, Christiani DC, **Cavallari JM**. Time Course of Heart Rate Variability Response to PM2.5 Exposure from Secondhand Smoke. *Plos One*. In Press.



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