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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Michael Erdil, MD**, has been appointed to serve on the following American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine Task Force. The ACOEM Board of Directors has recently convened a group of Occupational Medicine providers, expert on the subject of Utilization Review in Workers'

Compensation, as a Task Force to produce a national guidance paper on best practices for UR quality in Workers' Compensation settings. The ACOEM BOD believes that Utilization Review in Workers' Compensation should be organized to take account of best practices and their relationship to patterns of authorizations and denials, and to assure the delivery of high quality medical care for ill and injured workers treated under Workers' Compensation. The ACOEM Task Force goals include providing national leadership on the subject of clinical quality assurance (CQA) in UR, and to provide useful guidance to Components and to state labor agencies responsible for crafting UR policies and procedures for Workers' Compensation practice in their jurisdictions.



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## WINTER STURBRIDGE SYMPOSIUM

The next **Winter Sturbridge Symposium**, a joint research retreat held by the UMass Lowell Department of Work Environment, the Occupational and Environmental Medicine program at the UConn Health Center, the Allied Health Department and the Occupational Health Psychology Program of UConn. The retreat will take place on **Thursday, January 12, 2017**, at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA.

This informal gathering takes place twice a year and is oriented especially towards student research and other work in progress. If you are working on a project now (capstone, thesis, etc.) or thinking about beginning a new study, this is a good opportunity to talk about your ideas to a supportive, interested audience. A broad mix of topic areas is usually represented on the agenda. The meeting is always a stimulating and fruitful day for everyone attending and often leads to opportunities for research collaboration across the three campuses.

Lunch and other refreshments (including the *fabulous* Publick House Sticky Buns) will be provided *for those who register in advance*. If you would like to make a presentation please let us know as soon as you can. Thank you!

**Please pass on to students and colleagues as seems appropriate.** No charge; we just need to know if you are coming to plan program and food. An agenda to follow. Please use the link below to register for the Symposium.

[RSVP Form – Sturbridge Symposium 1/12/2017](#)



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## *Trends in Occupational Health*

The UConn Health  
Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
is pleased to present a new series:  
**“Disability and Return to Work”**

The first event in the series will be held during our next *Trends in Occupational Health* meeting on **Wednesday, December 14th at 12PM.**

**Topic:** “Barriers to Return to Work”

**Facilitator:** Dr. Bob Fitzpatrick

**We will discuss:**

Waddell, G., & Burton, A. K. (2006). *Is work good for your health and well-being?*  
The Stationery Office.

Rainville, J., Pransky, G., Indahl, A., Mayer, E.K. (2005). *The Physician as Disability Advisor for Patients with Musculoskeletal Complaints.* Spine

Baril, R., Clarke, J., Friesen, M., Stock, S., Cole, D., the Work-Ready group. (2003). *Management of return-to-work programs for workers with musculoskeletal disorders: a qualitative study in three Canadian provinces.* Social Science and Medicine.

**The details of the meeting are as follows:**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 14th, 2016

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:30 pm

**Location:** UCHC Outpatient Pavilion 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

**RSVP:** [lisa.rusch@uconn.edu](mailto:lisa.rusch@uconn.edu)

You may also access the meeting online:

<http://mediasite.uhc.edu/mediasite41/Play/8c136e6cfaa4423ebbf58b539572f4691d>

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## UPCOMING TALK



Our next Colloquium Session is scheduled for **December 7th, 2016**

with **Guest Speakers:**

Mike Erdil, MD  
Jay Poliner, MD  
Martin Cherniack, MD  
Robert Fitzpatrick, DO

They will be presenting a seminar on **December 7th , 2016**

**Title of Talk: "Update on Occupational Medicine"**

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:00pm

**Location:** UConn Health Outpatient Pavilion, 7th floor, EAST Conference Room

To **RSVP** for this event, please email Miriam at [muniz@uchc.edu](mailto:muniz@uchc.edu).



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## PRESENTATIONS



**Paula Schenck** presented “Climate Change and Health: What we know about it, and how we know it! at the Air and Waste Management Association, New England Section Fall Conference Climate Change: Risks, Rewards, Resiliency (R3 ) on October 27, 2016 in Framingham, MA.

She also moderated the LOOKING TO OUR FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS segment, where the winner of the student competition, Nefeli Bompoti, a third year Ph.D candidate in Environmental Engineering at UCONN presented on her research “Surface complexation modelling of chromate adsorption on iron oxides”.

