

# NEWSLETTER

## DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Connecticut Department of Public Health will host the *“Injured Workers and Opioid Use Symposium”* on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at *Travelers Claim University, 99 Lamberton Road, Windsor, CT.*

This symposium is designed to bring together the worker health and safety community with the opioid abuse prevention and treatment community of practice to raise awareness of the interconnectedness of workplace injury and opioid use. This all-day symposium is open to a broad audience, including clinicians, members of the addiction/treatment community, researchers, legislators and other policymakers, labor organizations, Workers’ Compensation Claim Managers, insurers, and others with a stake in reducing workplace injuries and subsequent opioid use. Please feel free to distribute this information to partners in your community of practice.

The symposium registration form can be found [HERE](#). Space is limited, so please ensure that you can attend prior to registering. A confirmation email will be sent acknowledging your registration one week prior to the symposium, once all requests have been processed.

We look forward to working with you and your partners on March 1, 2017. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Deborah Pease at the Connecticut Department of Public Health at (860) 509-7771 or by email at [deborah.pease@ct.gov](mailto:deborah.pease@ct.gov).

Thank you,

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## UPCOMING TALK



Our next Colloquium Session is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 8th, 2017**

with **Guest Speaker:**

**Terry Snyder, BSBME, MBA**

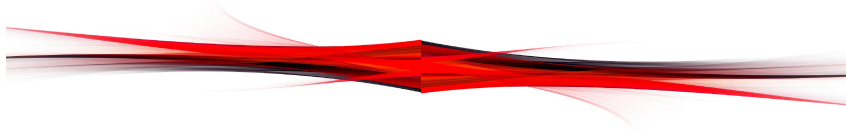
**Terry Snyder BSBME, MBA** is an ergonomist with PS Associates in MA. Terry Snyder has over two decades of experience as an Ergonomics Specialist encouraging companies to take a participatory and interdisciplinary approach to developing innovative ergonomic solutions that decrease risk while improving productivity, quality, and costs. Terry received degrees in electrical and biomedical engineering from Case Western Reserve University. During eleven years at Hewlett Packard, Ms. Snyder worked in R&D, marketing, and manufacturing where she focused on human factors engineering. In 1988, Ms. Snyder completed an MBA at Simmons Graduate School of Management, and started the consulting firm of P.S. Associates. For more than 20 years, Ms. Snyder has consulted to clients in healthcare, manufacturing, research labs and universities. Ms. Snyder is Green Belt certified by the Institute of Industrial Engineers in Lean Six Sigma for Healthcare, and is certified in safe patient handling and mobility program facilitation training by the University of Florida and the VA Research and Education Foundation.

**Title of Talk: Standing Computer Workstations; Rising Above the Hype”**

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

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

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



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## *Trends in Occupational Health Meeting*

The UConn Health  
Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

**12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

**UConn Health Center Outpatient Pavilion**

**Second Floor Conference Room, S2010**

### **“Occupational Epidemiology in the Time of Trump”**

David Kriebel, ScD

School of Public Health, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Learning Objectives: Participants will be able to:

- Discuss three global trends that are impacting the nature of work and its health hazards: globalization, the rise of the knowledge economy, and climate change
- Describe recent research on the adverse impacts of economic change on the health of working age populations in the U.S., in particular, on the “diseases of despair”: drug overdose, suicide and alcoholism
- To explain opportunities for occupational epidemiology to protect workers’ health during a time of social disruption from the aforementioned global trends.

As always, lunch will be served! Please **RSVP** to Lisa Rusch ([lisa.rusch@uconn.edu](mailto:lisa.rusch@uconn.edu)) if you plan to attend to ensure we have enough food.

This event is sponsored by the Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS) Occupational Safety and Health Core Interest Group (OSH-CIG).



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## PRESENTATIONS



**Mike Erdil, MD**, gave the following talk: Opioid Considerations in Workers' Compensation. Massachusetts Bar Association. Training Workshop for Opioid Related Workers' Compensation Diversion Program. Boston MA. Feb 8, 2017

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