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# NEWSLETTER

#### **DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL MEDICINE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



As you are aware **Dr. Trestman** has announced he will be leaving UConn Health on April 1 for the wonderful opportunity to become chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Carillion Clinic in Virginia.

We wish him the best in his future endeavors; he will be greatly missed!!

#### **PRESENTATIONS**



**Jennifer Garza, ScD**, will present on two interesting ergonomics topics:

"Sex differences in the prevalence of musculoskeletal symptoms among custodians" and "An update on the use of sit-stand workstations and other interventions".

## Date/Time/Location:

Tuesday, January 17th @ 6pm

Four Points by Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, Ct.





## **UPCOMING TALK**



Our next Colloquium Session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017

with **Guest Speaker:** 

#### Tom Gassert, MD

**Thomas H. Gassert, MD** is an Occupational Medicine practicing in New England for the past 24 years. Dr. Gassert graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and completed his residency at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Gassert is Board Certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine with sub-certification in Occupational Medicine. He has affiliations with the Harvard School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health, the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Department of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine, Departments of Medicine and Family Medicine, and Dartmouth College, Geisel School of Medicine, Department of Medicine. Dr. Gassert has had a longstanding interest and involvement in international occupational health issues.

Title of Talk: "International Occupational & Environmental Medicine"

**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.



## Trends in Occupational Health

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#### **UPDATE**

The **November** Trends in Occupational Health meeting focused on the Surveillance of Occupational Diseases in Connecticut. Our guest facilitators included Paula Schenck, co-author of the Annual Connecticut Disease Report, as well as members of the CT Department of Health, Occupational Health Branch, Amanda DeLoreto and Ivan Cherniack who spoke about sources of surveillance data. The facilitators led a dynamic discussion on the challenges of tracking and interpreting occupational health surveillance data. If you are interested in obtaining more information on these topics, please contact Sara Namazi at <a href="mailto:namazi@uchc.edu">namazi@uchc.edu</a> or Lisa Rusch at <a href="mailto:lisa.rusch@uconn.edu">lisa.rusch@uconn.edu</a>, and we will forward the articles discussed.

The **December** Trends in Occupational Health meeting focused on the barriers to return to work. This discussion was the first in an on-going series on "Disability and Return to Work" sponsored by the UConn Health Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Our guest facilitator was Dr. Bob Fitzpatrick, a community medicine doctor at UConn Health. Dr. Fitzpatrick led a lively discussion on the variety of factors influencing a worker's decision to return to work after an illness or injury. If you are interested in obtaining more information on these topics, please contact Lisa Rusch at <a href="mailto:lisa.rusch@uconn.edu">lisa.rusch@uconn.edu</a>, and we will forward the articles discussed.

Our next Trends in Occupational Health meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **January 18**! For this meeting, we will be viewing a webinar. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm: Lunch at 12:00. The webinar begins at 12:30

Location: UCHC Outpatient Pavilion SECOND Floor Conference Room, S2010

**Topic:** Total Worker HealthÒ (TWH) research and outreach/education.

In this webinar you will meet the lead researchers and learn about what's new and upcoming in Total Worker Health® (TWH) research and outreach/education. Learn how to engage with CPH-NEW and stay up-to-date on all things related to TWH.

RSVP (for lunch): lisa.rusch@uconn.edu<mailto:lisa.rusch@uconn.edu>

Lunch will be provided. Hope to see everyone there! Please RSVP to ensure we have enough food for everyone. However, we always welcome last minute attendees! The more the merrier!