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+ FLU SEASON IS HERE

The flu season is here and UConn Health is committed to protecting you, your family, and our patients and visitors. This year's Flu Vaccination Program is available at no charge to all staff, students, volunteers, residents, and contract workers. The influenza (flu) vaccine is the most effective way to prevent the influenza infection. You may get vaccinated by scheduling an appointment with EHS at x2893. In addition, open walk-in flu clinics will be held at the following dates and times listed below:

Tuesday, October 18,2016 Class Rm A1 – SOM 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Monday, October 24, 2016 Onyiuke 12:30pm – 4:00pm

Thursday, November 10,2016 Munson Training Room 4:30pm-6:30pm

More Flu Dates to follow in November





Announcements cont'



Alicia Dugan, PhD, received \$50,000 from the Connecticut Breast Health Initiative to study breast cancer survivors' return to work experiences (award is from Sept 2016-Aug 2017). She will conduct a participatory action research project to study factors that enable a successful return to work for breast cancer survivors. The proposed study will follow the Healthy Workplace Participatory (HWP) Program, developed by CPH-NEW

investigators to research and develop interventions for breast cancer survivors. She will gather comprehensive information from survivors, managers, clinicians, to assess return to work experiences, work-related quality of life, cancer management behaviors, work-health conflict, and individual and organizational support. The information collected in this study will provide a needs assessment of breast cancer survivors, allow testing of research hypotheses, and be used to inform the development of future interventions. This research project will contribute a basis of evidence for identifying the individual- and organizational- supportive factors that improve return to work experiences among breast cancer survivors.



Michael Erdil, FACOEM, was selected by the New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine to receive the Harriet Hardy award in December at the annual conference <u>http://necoem.org/resource-library/harriet-hardy/</u>







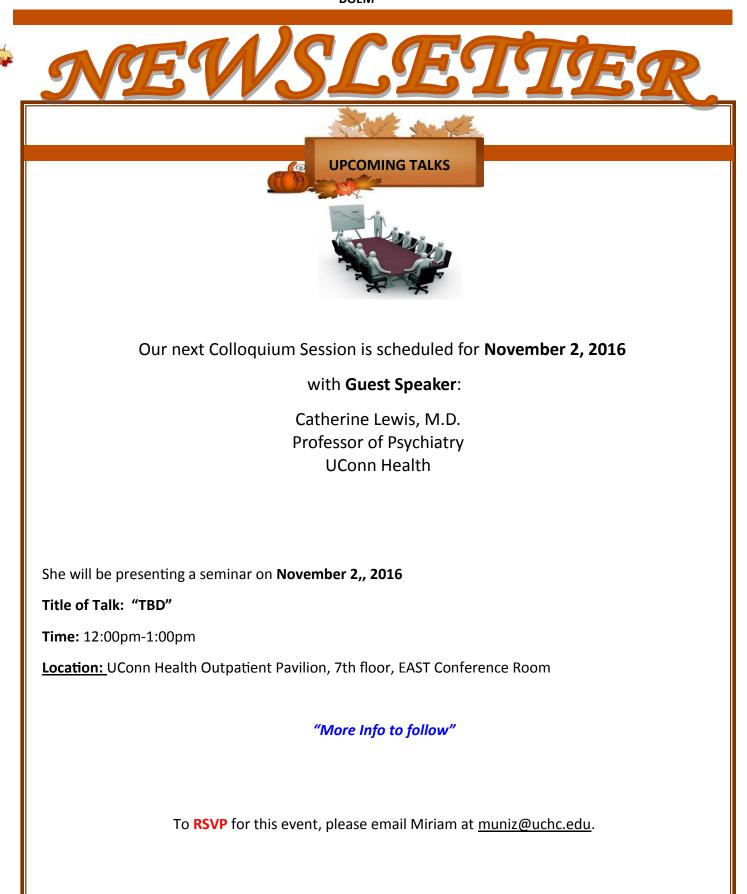






We will be holding our first "Trends in Occupational Health" discussion of the semester on Wednesday October 19th from 12-1:30pm in the Outpatient Pavilion Seventh Floor Conference Room West, at UConn Health. This month's topic will be Surveillance of Occupational Diseases in **Connecticut.** Guest facilitators include 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 will speak about sources of surveillance data. We will discuss the Connecticut Occupational Disease Report, 2016. As always, lunch will be served! Please RSVP to Lisa Rusch (lisa.rusch@uconn.edu) if you plan to attend.

This event is sponsored by the Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science (CICATS) Occupational Safety and Health Core Interest Group (OSH-CIG). The Center for the Promotion of Health in the New England Workplace (**CPH-NEW**) under the co-directorship Dr. Laura Punnett (UMass Lowell) and Dr. Cherniack has received a 5 year renewal from NIOSH. CPH-NEW is one of 6 NIOSH funded Centers of Excellence for Total Worker Health. The overall goal of CPH-NEW is to improve worker health through a highly participatory process involving front-line employees and top-down organizational support, and to study and disseminate information on such participatory models. The Center will concentrate on healthcare workers and correctional officers. Team members on this grant include DOEM faculty, Drs. Cavallari, Dugan, DOEM research staff, Dr. Dussetschleger, Graduate Student Sara Namazi and faculty from UConn Storrs and UConn Hartford.





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Robert Trestman, M.D., PhD, gave a presentation as a Plenary Speaker, Nasional Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, "START NOW: a skills training therapy for forensic hospital patients with impulsivity and emotional lability". Nashville, TN, October 3, 2016

Dr. Michael Erdil, FACOEM, gave a talk at UCHC Medical Grand Rounds on 9/22/16 Title: MRI for Low Back Pain: Reducing Low Value Care and Patient Harm Through Better Decision Making and Patient Education

Dr. Micahel Erdil , FACOEM will be doing a presentation at the NECOEM annual conference on 12/1/16 in Newton MA. Title: Perspec-

tives on a Journey Looking for Evidence and Searching for Practical Solutions in Occupational Medicine <u>http://necoem.org/ac-2016/AC2016-ProgramE.pdf</u>



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