~FLU SEASON~

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:

Thursday November 10, 2016 (9am—1:00pm) MUNSON RD.
Monday, November 14, 2016 (8:00am—12:30pm) ARB Lg. Conf. Rm.
Monday November 21, 2016 (9:30am-3:00pm) 7th floor of the OP, Lg. Conf. Rm.
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](#)
We will be holding our first “Trends in Occupational Health” discussion of the semester on Wednesday November 16th 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 -http://health.uconn.edu/occupational-environmental/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/2016/08/occupational_disease_report_2016.pdf. 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).
Our next Colloquium Session is scheduled for **December 7, 2016**

with

**Guest Speakers:**

**Drs. Michael Erdi, Martin Cherniack, Robert Fizpatrick & Jay R. Poliner**

They will have a Panel Discussion on the following Topics:

- Directions and challenges in TWH
- Pitfalls in UDS testing in OM
- DOT updates, practice changing articles on lumbar fusion.

**Date:** December 7, 2016

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

**Location:** UConn Health Outpatient Pavilion, 7th floor, EAST Conf. Rm.

**“Flyer to Follow”**

To **RSVP** for this event, please email Miriam at muniz@uchc.edu.
Dr. Micahel Erdil, FACOEM will be doing a presentation at the NECOEM annual conference on 12/1/16 in Newton MA. Title: Perspectives on a Journey Looking for Evidence and Searching for Practical Solutions in Occupational Medicine http://necoem.org/ac-2016/AC2016-ProgramE.pdf

Jenn Garza, ScD, presented “Office Ergonomics” at the Stanley Black and Decker world headquarters Safety and Health Fair, New Britain, Ct., October 20, 2016


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