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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Martin Cherniack, MD, MPH, received the Joseph E. Wagoner Award from the American Conference of Governmental and Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).
April, 28, 2017.



As many of you know, **Marc Croteau, MD, MPH** will be retiring on June 30, 2017. Dr. Croteau has been a fixture in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine for the past 15 years, initially as an occupational medicine fellow and faculty member, and then returning to direct the Clinic and the Employee Health Service. In addition to his supervisory role, Dr. Croteau has maintained the standards of the occupational medicine diagnostic practice and has made exceptional efforts as a medical educator, working with students and residents. He has maintained the collegiality, attention to patient needs, and cooperative good will that has been the hallmark of our clinical programs.

We wish him well as he begins his retirement and expect to see him back as a guest and participant in the educational and outreach activities of the Division.

*Wishing you good health,
good luck, and great success*

Congratulations

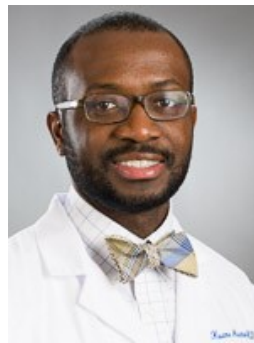
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UPCOMING TALKS

Our next Colloquium Session is
scheduled for **June 7, 2017.**
with Guest Speaker:



Kwame Asante, MD
(Hartford Hospital)

Dr. Kwame Asante is a Board Certified Physician in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, and Associate Director for Traumatic Brain Injury at Hartford Hospital. Dr. Asante also has an appointment as an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Dept. of Neurology at UConn Health. He received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College and completed his PMR Residency at Temple University Health System. Dr. Asante has special interest in Traumatic Brain Injury, treatment of Traumatic Injuries, Amputee Rehabilitation, Electrodiagnostic Medicine, Spasticity Management, and Sports Injury Rehabilitation.

Title of Talk:

“Management of return to work after a concussion/mild traumatic brain injury”

Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm

Location: UConn Health Outpatient Pavilion,
2nd floor, EAST Conference Room.

****Please *RSVP* for this event if you plan to attend to muniz@uchc.edu ****

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TRENDS IN OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

We will be holding our next “Trends in Occupational Health” on Wednesday, **June 14 from 12-1:30pm** in the Outpatient Pavilion Second floor Conference Room, S2010, at UConn Health. The topic is: “**Intervention Research: A Systems Approach.**” Our guest facilitator will be Michelle Robertson, PhD, CPE, FIEA, FHFES. Dr. Michelle Robertson is a research scientist in human factors and ergonomics at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety, where she conducts field and applied research projects in a variety of industries including financial, telecommunications, aerospace and surface transportation, manufacturing, and healthcare. Dr. Robertson is a Board Certified Professional Ergonomist (CPE) and holds a Ph.D. in Instructional Technology, M.S. in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and a B.A. in Human Factors/Ergonomics from the University of California Santa Barbara. She is a Fellow of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society and the International Ergonomics Association, has published over 95 articles in human factors/ergonomics, and has presented her work nationally and internationally. She has been the recipient of several awards, including the Best Paper Award of HFES; NORA/NIOSH innovative research award for her work on designing a macro-ergonomics training program, and the NIOSH/APA Best Intervention Honorable Mention paper for her office ergonomics intervention research.

Those who attend the presentation will be eligible for CME’s.

The link for the presentation’s Mediasite is:

<http://mediasite.uhc.edu/mediasite41/Play/ef68754d84364f3482321ebfeb3cc4c1d?catalog=5a0dec1a-e873-4933-b7ab-4771e47b0615>

As always, lunch will be served! Please **RSVP** to Lisa Rusch (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).

The **May** Trends in Occupational Health meeting entitled “MANAGE AT WORK: RCT of an employer-sponsored psycho-educational program for workers with chronic or episodic illness.” was led by William S. Shaw, Ph.D., Senior Principal Research Scientist at the Center for Disability Research at Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety, Hopkinton, MA, adjunct instructor at the Department of Family Medicine & Community Health, UMass Medical School, and adjunct scientist at the Institute for Work & Health, Toronto, Ontario. This meeting was streamed live from UHC. Dr. Shaw led a thought-provoking discussion about the current trends in the prevalence of chronic health conditions in the U.S. workforce, the fundamental elements of pain and illness self-management programs, and the barriers for implementing peer support and counseling programs in the workplace for workers with chronic illness.

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PRESENTATIONS



Michael Erdil, MD, FACOEM gave a presentation at UConn Health Medicine Grand Rounds with Dominic Lorusso, Director of Health Partnerships Consumer Reports and Choosing Wisely, to present *“Helping Patients Make Better Informed Medical Decisions using Shared Decision Making and High Quality Health Education”*. Resources Including Choosing Wisely and Consumer Report Health, May 18, 2017.



Paula Schenck gave a workshop at the Northeast Indoor Air Quality and Energy Conference on May 3 in Portland Maine. The workshop reviewed the U.S. Global Change Research Program’s 2016 report *The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States: A Scientific Assessment*. The session discussed how environment affects human health and how uncertainty around climate change and health is addressed in the report. Indoor exposures and health consequences emphasized in the workshop included: mold and bioaerosols exposures from expected severe wet weather, increasing heat, and mental stress.

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