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Special Events

Harriet Hardy and Nursing Excellence Awards Presentation and Luncheon: The Board of Directors of the New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine has selected Dr. Howard Hu as recipient of the 2006 Harriet Hardy Award. This prestigious award in occupational medicine is given to a clinician who embodies the dedication and service of Dr. Hardy. The President of NECOEM, will present the award to Dr. Hu during the joint awards luncheon on Friday, December 1st. Also, during this awards luncheon, the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Occupational Health Nurses will present the prestigious Nursing Excellence awards for 2006. The purpose of these awards is to provide recognition of the outstanding services of occupational health nurses at the local and state level, to encourage men and women to begin careers in occupational health nursing and to make the public aware of the high caliber of occupational health nurses and the role they play in maintaining our nation's health.

President's Reception: The President's Reception will begin at 5:00 PM on Thursday, November 30th, immediately following conclusion of the afternoon educational session. All conference participants are invited to join colleagues for light refreshments, networking and conversation.

***NECOEM Special Presentation:** A photographic essay of working men and women featuring slides from the collections of Earl Dotter and Joseph Thomas will be shown during the President's Reception.

Vendor Exhibition: Products and services of interest to nurses, physicians and related health professionals will be exhibited throughout the conference.

NECOEM Membership Meeting: The annual membership meeting for NECOEM will be held at noon on Thursday, November 30th. Members are encouraged to attend. Brief reports from officers will be followed by discussion of current issues important to NECOEM/ACOEM.

Planning Committee: Reid Boswell Chair; Anne Lafontaine, Vendor Chair; John Burress, Nancy Clover, Daniel DluGose, Thomas Gassert, Stefanos Kales, Sheila Litchfield, James McEleney, Dianne Plantamura, Glenn Pransky, Carol Somers, Constance Walker, Milda Walkley

Program Highlights

November 30

Clinical Practice Skills

This session provides practical skills in triage and management of eye injuries, office emergencies, and musculoskeletal problems complicated by pain and absenteeism. The office emergencies segment includes assessment and management of altered mental and neurological status, abdominal pain, chest pain, and shortness of breath. The musculoskeletal segment reviews controversies in the use of opioids for chronic non-cancer pain and early intervention strategies for cases of prolonged absence due to low back pain.

Public Health and OEM Practice

Drawing on the lessons of Gulf Coast hurricanes and the "Nine-Eleven" disasters, participants will learn how best to prepare for and respond to possible future disasters. This session reviews key aspects of epidemiology, exposure hazard risk assessment, mortality, injuries and illnesses, provision of healthcare services and emergency support functions, and toxic syndromes important to public health service.

December 1

Biotechnology and the Environment

This session introduces the spectrum of occupational and environmental hazards associated with the rapid evolution of the biotechnology industry. Highlights include effectiveness of engineering controls to reduce laboratory animal allergens and management of various ergonomic hazards specific to work in research laboratories. The keynote lecture by Howard Hu, MD, reviews the evolving definition of "Environmental Medicine," as well as the current status of research, important interventions, and implications for occupational health professionals.

Dual Track: Research Updates and Case Management

- Work stressors as contributors to adverse birth outcomes • Dibutyl phthalate exposure among manicurists and association with allergic, reproductive and respiratory problems • Asthma incidence among U.S. aluminum workers.
- Selected trends in spine care, sources of evidence-based medicine and considerations in decision making during case management • Opportunities for and barriers to keeping and returning injured workers to work.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this brochure is accurate. However, the New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and the Massachusetts Association of Occupational Health Nurses reserves the right to make changes without notice.

General Information

Continuing Medical Education: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the Joint Sponsorship of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) and the New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM). ACOEM is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
"ACOEM designates this educational activity for a maximum of 12.25 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the education activity."

Nursing Credit: Contact hours will be awarded to nurses through the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN). The program qualifies for 12.9 contact hours (6.9 for Thursday, and 6.0 for Friday).

Case Manager and American Board of Industrial Hygiene: Up to 11.25 CCM credits from the Commission for Case Management Certification will be granted and 0.5 points per 0.5 days for a total of 1.5 ABIH CM points will be awarded.

Location: Recognized as one of the best hotels in Massachusetts, Dolce's Bedford Glen Hotel in Bedford, MA is a distinctive resort hotel located on 24 acres of landscaped grounds just minutes off Route 128 with easy access to Routes 95, 93, 3 and 495. Hanscom Air Field is minutes away. A free shuttle service to the 120 stores of the Burlington Mall offers participants convenient and festive holiday shopping. Please visit the hotel website, www.bedford.dolce.com for more information.

Accommodations: The hotel has graciously given conference participants a \$119. per night rate. Please reserve your overnight accommodations by the deadline of November 24th. Reservations made after that date will be subject to space and rate availability. Call the hotel direct at 800-205-3006 or 800-98-DOLCE or visit the website listed above. Please refer to the New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM) conference.

Directions and Parking: Directions will be forwarded with confirmation. On-site parking is free.

Payment: Registration must be submitted with full payment. Payment may be made by check or purchase order issued to NECOEM, or by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express Card either online at the NECOEM website, www.necoem.org, by fax or by mail. Web registration is secure. To ensure enrollment, we encourage you to register early. Email confirmation will be sent to you within 4 business days.

Substitution/Cancellation Policy: Substitutions may be made at any time without additional charge. The conference fee, less a \$50 administrative charge, is refundable if cancellation is received by mail or facsimile at least ten business days prior to the conference (by Wednesday, November 15th). The entire fee is forfeited if cancellation is not received before the deadline or if a registrant does not attend the conference. Substitutions/cancellations must be made in writing.

Information: For further information regarding registration, conference educational sessions, special events, exhibits, or other topics, contact Dianne Plantamura at NECOEM@comcast.net, 978/373-5597 or visit our website at www.necoem.org.

NECOEM and MaAOHN provide equal opportunity in education without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, or status as a veteran. To request special services, assistance, or disability accommodations, call Dianne Plantamura at 978/373-5597 at least two weeks in advance.

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Course Fees: (includes lunches on both days)

Both Days:

NECOEM/ACOEM MD/DO Members	___ \$330
MD/DO Non-Members	___ \$360
RN/PA/NP/Other professionals	___ \$270
Residents/Nursing Students	___ \$120

November 30 only:

MD/DO	___ \$190
RN/PA/NP/Other professionals	___ \$160
Residents/Nursing Students	___ \$ 80

December 1 only:

MD/DO	___ \$180
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