Medical Review Officer (MRO) Fast Track Course

Today, physicians in many specialties conduct drug and alcohol tests for business, industry, government agencies, and schools. The need for trained medical review officers (MROs) to evaluate test results extends to more than 20 million Americans. The Drug-Free Workplace Act affects all federal agencies. Mandatory alcohol and drug testing is now required of all intrastate truckers, commercial driver’s license holders, and other transportation workers. In joint government agreements, the United States, Canada, and Mexico also monitor truckers crossing international borders. More than 60 percent of large private employers require drug and alcohol testing. ACOEM has been the educational provider of choice for MROs since 1990. More than 13,000 physicians have completed ACOEM’s highly acclaimed training.

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be able to:

- Discuss the prevalence and impact (epidemiology) of alcohol and drug abuse in the workplace today
- Recognize the physiological effects and clinical signs of commonly abused drugs
- Develop effective urine collection and breath alcohol testing programs
- Implement DOT regulations for motor carrier, railroad, mass transit and other transportation modes
- Perform MRO duties, including verification interviews with individuals whose laboratory drug tests are positive, adulterated, substituted or invalid
- Recognize a potential false positive drug test and when to order a reanalysis or split-specimen analysis
- Address medical confidentiality, disclosure of medical information, and job safety issues
- Review federal custody and control forms to identify correctible and fatal flaws
- Monitor forensic laboratory testing and quality assurance efforts
- Refer employees to Substance Abuse Professionals and treatment/rehabilitation programs

Important course note: The MRO Fast Track course fully meets the DOT MRO Qualification Training requirements and is designed for physicians and health care professionals who are familiar with basic substance abuse testing procedures.

Attend the MRO Fast Track if you are:

- A physician seeking to update or enhance knowledge of drug testing and/or perform as an MRO
- A physician or health care professional interested in developing or improving skills in conducting alcohol and urine drug screening, evaluating results, addressing job safety and return-to-work issues, and interpreting federal regulations governing truckers, pilots, other Department of Transportation workers, federal contractors, and workers in the energy industry
- A physician preparing to take the Medical Review Officer Certification Council’s (MROCC) initial certification or re-certification examinations and needing to meet the MROCC’s CME eligibility requirement.

What our Attendees Said
“Faculty interactive with the participants - superior. They made complex rules easy to understand and to follow.”

“This was an outstanding review for my MRO practice. New developments/requirements were covered... this was an excellent course. THANKS!”

“Great course presented in a short time frame!”
**Course Director**
Kent W. Peterson, MD, MRO, FACOEM, is President of Occupational Health Strategies, Charlottesville, VA. Dr. Peterson also serves as Vice Chair of the Medical Review Officer Certification Council, Medical Director of Examinetics-an Exemplar International company, and Medical Director of the Federal Executive Institute. He has authored 12 books, including the *Guidebook to Occupational Health Informatics, 11th Edition* and the *SPM Handbook of Health Assessment Tools, 3rd Edition*, and more than 250 chapters, articles and scientific presentations to professional societies.

**Course Summary**

**Length:** Course is 1.5 days, concluding at lunch time on Day 2.

**Format:** Lecture/discussion, case studies, panel, self-assessment exercise, questions and answers.

**CME Credit:** The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 12.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**ABPM MOC Credit** This activity satisfies 12 ABPM MOC credits.

**American Academy of Family Physicians Credit:** ACOEM has requested this activity to satisfy 12 Prescribed AAFP credits.

**Tuition:** Course materials, continental breakfast, morning & afternoon breaks, CME/MOC credits

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**Registration:** Register online at www.acoem.org or contact the ACOEM Registration Coordinator at 847-818-1800 x374.

**MRO Certification Exam**
The Medical Review Officer Certification Council (MROCC) will host an MRO Certification exam session at the conclusion of ACOEM’s MRO Fast Track course. **Please note: registration for the Fast Track course does not constitute registration for the examination.**

For more information on the MRO exam please contact MROCC directly at www.mrocc.org or 847-631-0599.

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ACOEM reserves the right to cancel or reschedule educational programs at its discretion. In the event of a cancelation or rescheduling, ACOEM will offer a full refund of the registration fee or the option to transfer to another course offering. Refunds for travel or other expenses will not be given.