Foundations of Occupational Medicine - – *Face to Face Component*

For physicians and health professionals interested – but not particularly expert - in occupational medicine (OM), ACOEM’s Foundations of Occupational Medicine courses provide an excellent and comprehensive introduction. The course is a hybrid, comprising a two day Face to Face component in conjunction with the AOHC conference, and 16 hours of online self-directed learning.

You will obtain practical information that will be useful in managing the clinical, regulatory, and administrative functions of an OM practice – at a primary care level. Topics in the face to face component include: Emerging health hazards; Malingering: Human Factors; Diving Medicine; Cardiology; Hematology; Infectious Diseases; Neurotoxicity; Fibrotic Lung Diseases; Airway Disorders; Legal Issues; Health of Business Travelers; Transport Medicine; Wellness Programs and Chronic Pain.

Learning Objectives

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

- Identify emerging occupational health issues
- Describe neurological, hematological, and cardiac effects of workplace exposures
- Define infectious disease hazards in the workplace, such as TB, HIV, hepatitis, travel medicine, and epidemics
- Understand the principles of medical emergency response planning
- Describe the health hazards of occupational diving
- Describe health protection for business travelers
- Identify the key elements of workplace wellness programs
- Discuss toxicity principles
- Manage chronic pain and functional restoration
- Administer and evaluate occupational histories of patients with lung problems due to occupational and environmental exposures.
- Discuss legal and ethical implications of occupational and environmental health and safety programs.

Course Directors

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Doctor Burress received BS and MD degrees from the University of Kentucky. After Family Medicine residency in Greenville, SC, Dr. Burress then obtained a MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health and subsequently completed his residency in Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Harvard in 1994. Dr. Burress serves as Medical Director of the Boston Medical Center Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine which serves the medical campus and a myriad of external clients including construction, fish processing, utilities, transportation, and hospitality. For the past 17 years, he has served as the Medical Director for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Workers’ Compensation Unit providing physician level utilization review and guideline development. For the past 12 years, Dr. Burress has served as the onsite medical consultant for the Mass Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission. Over the past year, Dr. Burress has been a Medical Director for BDOHI assisting with claims and opioid cases in three states. Dr. Burress is an active participant in his field on a state, regional, and national level with roles in Mass Medical Society, Mass Dept of Industrial Accidents Health Care Services Board, NECOEM (New England component of ACOEM), and ACOEM (Council of Academic Affairs and Clinical Practice Section). Dr. Burress enjoys teaching fellows, residents, and medical students and is an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine, a published author, a member of the Residency Advisory Committee for the Preventative Medicine Residency Program at Boston University.

What Our Attendees Said
“All were good presenters - thank you. Maybe the best CME I've been to. All presentations were interesting and enjoyable. It was never a battle to stay awake.”

“As a (somewhat) seasoned occ med doc, who came to this branch of medicine from internal med & ER work, the course exceeded my expectations. There were plenty of valuable insights. Bravo for a job well done!”

Course Summary
Length: Course is 2 days, beginning at approximately 8:00 am and concluding at 5:00 pm each day.

Format: Lecture/discussion, case studies, panel, 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.

ACOEM designates this educational activity for a maximum of 15 AMA PRA category 1 credit(s)™. Each physician should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

ABPM MOC Credit This activity satisfies 15 ABPM MOC credits.

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