

About the National Conference

Target Audience: Occupational medicine, primary care and pulmonary physicians, clinic staff nurses, respiratory therapists, medical lab technicians, administrators, attorneys, lay representatives, outreach workers, benefits counselors, support staff and all others who work for victims of occupational pneumoconiosis.

Purpose: The purpose of this conference is to provide a review on the prevalence, severity, and spectrum of coal mine dust lung disease (CMDLD), current treatment modalities, and update on compensation programs for patients.

Following the conference, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the prevalence and severity of respiratory disease, diagnosed radiologically and physiologically in US coal miners.
2. Review the regulatory changes implemented by the Mine Safety and Health Administration over the years and discuss how these have impacted the health and safety of US miners.
3. Recognize how surveillance, disability, and mortality data can be used to characterize respiratory disease in mining populations.
4. Cite treatment options for miners suffering from fibrotic lung disease.
5. Identify therapeutic interventions for patients suffering from the most advanced stages of lung disease.

Continuing Medical Education Credits

Accreditation Statement: The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation Statement: The Feinberg School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 14.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM.

Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Other Credits: Also, a maximum of 14.75 CEU's will be available through the Continuing Education Institute of Illinois for Nurses (NP/RN/ LPN), Physical and Respiratory Therapists, X-Ray Technicians and Social Workers.

Attorneys will be given information on applying for CLE credit at the conference.



Room Rates

Hampton King Bedrooms (1 or 2pp)	\$189.00/night + tax
Hampton (2) Queen Beds (1 or 2pp)	\$199.00/night + tax
Each additional guest	\$20 per person/night
Homewood Corner King Suite	\$229.00/night + tax

Full breakfast is included with the above rates on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

Reservations may be made using the links below.

<https://bit.ly/2rOsFvj> <https://bit.ly/2Kw19uS>

Hampton Inn

Homewood Suites

If you prefer to make your reservation by phone, call Hampton Inn (312) 706-0888 or Homewood Suites (312) 585-9333 and ask for reservations.

(Ask for the NCBLRDC Conference rate)

Conference rate room availability

Sunday, September 23 through Sunday, September 30, 2018

Reservations at the group rate may be made through Thursday, August 24, 2018.

Hosted By



The University of Illinois at Chicago
Great Lakes Center presents:

2-DAY NIOSH APPROVED SPIROMETRY COURSE

Location: School of Public Health West
2121 W Taylor St, Chicago, IL, 60612
September 27 & 28, 2018

Registration website: <http://www.cvent.com/d/xtqsrp/4W>
Course Cost: \$595 per person (early bird special)

This is a non-conference activity

This program teaches the basics of respiratory anatomy and physiology and how occupational and environmental exposures affect the respiratory system.

Continuing Education credits available: 1.5 Industrial Hygiene CM points, 16 continuing nursing education and 16 continuing education hours of credit for respiratory care practitioners.



Crushing Black Lung To Dust In The Windy City



September 26-28, 2018

Conference Location



250 E Superior St
Chicago, IL, 60611

National Coalition of Black Lung and Respiratory Disease Clinics 2018 Conference Schedule

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

NCBLRDC 2018 Conference Registration Information



Registration for the 2018 Conference is electronic this year. Please follow the link below for registration.

<https://tinyurl.com/blklung2018>

**Registration Deadline is
Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago from September 26 through September 28, 2018.

Conference Fee

The registration fee is **\$275**. This includes Lunch Wednesday, Miners' Lunch Thursday, and refreshment breaks each day.

Active and retired coal miners and their spouses/widows/companions are exempt from registration fees.



Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
7:00 am - 2:00 pm	Registration		
8:15 am - 8:30 am	Welcome/Announcements/Housekeeping		
8:30 am - 9:20 am	Keynote Presentation: NAS Report on Dust Control in the Mines Cecile Rose, MD, MPH - National Jewish Health		
9:30 am - 10:20 am	Report from NIOSH: PMF Findings Cara Halldin, PhD - Epidemiologist, Anita Wolfe - Public Health Analyst, NIOSH RHD Morgantown		
10:20 am - 10:30 am	Break/Exhibits		
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Current Trends & Issues in the Black Lung Benefits Program Michael A. Chance - Director, OWCP, DCMWC HRSA Update Megan Lincoln, MPH - Public Health Analyst, ORHP, HRSA		
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch Provided: TBA		
1:00 pm - 1:50 pm	Rheumatologic Disease in Mineral Dust Exposed Workers Paul Blanc, MD, MPH - UCSF College of Medicine	Issues Confronting Miners at the District Directors Level John Cline	Blue Print and Essential Elements of the Claims Process Natausha Motsinger, SHS
1:50 pm - 2:40 pm	Mortality Study of US Coal Miners Kirsten Almerg, PhD - UIC School of Public Health	Report from the US Solicitors Office Representatives from SOL	Know Your Regulations Deborah Wills - Valley Health
2:40 pm - 3:00 pm	Break/Exhibits		
3:00 pm - 3:50 pm	Lung function and COPD— Did you start lower or decline faster? Akshay Sood, MD - UNM School of Medicine	Managing Cases at the ALJ Level Thomas Johnson	
3:50 pm - 4:40 pm	Lessons learned from NCWAS and opportunities for future study Francis H.Y. Green, MD - University of Calgary		Evaluation of the SSAE Cindy Viers and Brad Johnson - Stone Mountain Health

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Welcome and Announcements		
8:45 am - 9:35 am	International Coal Mine Dust Lung Disease Robert A. Cohen, MD, FCCP - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine / University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health		
9:35 am - 10:25 am	Small Airways Injury in Mining – Medical Lee Petsonk, MD - WVU, Silpa Krefft, MD - National Jewish Health	Case Law Presentations Representatives from the Office of Solicitors	Building a Case & Finding Representation Panel Discussion N. Motsinger, S. Stuthers, G. Queriapa-Valdes, M. Swiger, SHS, Susie Criss - Cabin Creek
10:25 am - 10:45 am	Break/Exhibits		
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Panel Discussion: Pulmonary Rehab Motivating and working with people to complete rehab Esther Ajarapu - Stone Mountain Health Services, Rachel Tappen, PT - Northwestern Medicine, Chaffee Tommarello, RRT - Cabin Creek Health Center	Evaluating Exercise ABG Data Leonard Stayton, Esq. and Leonard Go, MD	Team Approach to Claim Development Lynda Glagola, RRT
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch		
1:15 pm - 2:05 pm	COPD/Asthma Overlap Syndrome Sharon Rosenberg, MD - Northwestern Medicine	Strategies to Defend Claims Thomas Johnson, Anne Davis, Bob Cohen, Cecile Rose	Program Outreach and Education Shelly Stuthers, SHS
2:05 pm - 2:55 pm	The Characteristics of Dust Particulate In The Mines Emily Sarver, PhD - Virginia Tech, Heather Lowers, PhD - United States Geological Survey	Offset of Benefits by Social Security and Workers Comp Tom Johnson, Sam Petsonk	
2:55 pm - 3:15 pm	Break/Exhibits		
3:15 pm - 4:05 pm	Update on Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment of Sleep Disordered Breathing John Coleman III, MD - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	Proving Total Disability Sandy Fogel	Navigating Survivors' Claims Gloria Queriapa-Valdes, SHS
4:05 pm - 4:55 pm	Results from Registry of PMF Cases: Leonard Go, MD - University of Illinois at Chicago		Strategies For Interacting with the Employer's Attorney Michelle Swiger

Friday, September 28, 2018

Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
8:30 am - 10:30 am	DOL Physician Training Robert Cohen, MD, Leonard Go, MD - University of Illinois at Chicago	Managing Legal and Benefits Counseling Difficult Problems TBA	