

OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE EMPLOYERS' SEMINAR

"PEOPLE AT WORK - WORKING AT PEOPLE"

28 FEBRUARY 2007 | MARRIOTT HOTEL | DUBAI



Harvard Medical School Dubai Center Institute for Postgraduate Education & Research and Wellington School of Medicine, Otago University, New Zealand collaboration proudly offers an occupational medicine Employers' Seminar in Dubai. This Seminar will provide companies with much-needed skills in promoting and managing return to work for employees who have been unable to work due to industrial illness or injury, and is a must for Occupational Health & Safety Managers, Personnel and Human Resources Managers or senior line managers interested in managing the risks and costs of staff absence in their workplace.

This one day seminar will bring together top occupational medical academics and front-line occupational medicine practitioners to focus on a range of key issues.

"People at Work - Working at People" will be held on 28th February 2007 at the Marriott Hotel and will address concerns among Middle East Employers about excessive delays in returning ill or injured staff to their normal work. This is a one-off seminar.

If you have not registered yet, you can do so by visiting www.occupationalmedicine.ae website and accessing the registration page.

Programme:

Time	Presentation	Speaker
8.30am	Introduction & Welcome	Professor Robert Thurer, CAO, HMSDC
9.15am	Employment Mental Health and Sickness Absence	Dr Robin Griffiths, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, NZ
10.00am	Assessment of Fitness for Work	Dr Mark Newson-Smith, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, UAE
10.45am	Morning Break	
11.00am	Barriers to Return to Work	Professor Nick Kendall, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, London
11.45am	Sickness Absence Management "Employer Case Study"	Dr Aparna Hegde, Emirates Airlines, Dubai
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Essentials of Disability Evaluation	Dr Chris Stewart- Patterson, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, Vancouver
2.15pm	Workplace Rehabilitation	Dr John Schneider, UAE University, El Ain
3.00pm	Afternoon Break	
3.15pm	The Role of the Company Physician	Dr Robin Griffiths, Senior Lecturer, Occupational University of Otago, NZ
4.00pm	Managing Your Risks by Contracting	Dr Tony Hochberg, Prime Health, Perth, West Australia
4.45pm	Harvard Medical School Dubai Center - Its Future Role in Promoting Occupational Health Education in The Middle East Region	Professor Robert Thurer, CAO, HMSDC
5.30pm	Close	



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Professor Robert Thurer, CAO, HMSDC

Dr. Robert Thurer is Chief Academic Officer of the Harvard Medical School Dubai Center Institute for Postgraduate Education and Research (HMSDC), the educational and research component of Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC). He is also Executive Director of the Dubai Harvard Foundation for Medical Research. Dr. Thurer brings extensive experience in clinical care, medical education and research to Harvard's collaboration with DHCC.

HMSDC, the first Harvard Medical School facility of its kind to be established outside of the United States, will focus primarily on postgraduate specialty training and continuing medical education. This postgraduate focus will help alleviate the limited availability of training opportunities currently available in the region and will position Dubai as a unique medical education center in the region.

Before coming to Dubai, Dr. Thurer practiced cardiothoracic surgery at Harvard Medical School in Boston where he was Associate Chief of Thoracic Surgery and Head of the Thoracic Oncology Program at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He was educated at Dartmouth College and Medical School and received his MD degree from Harvard Medical School. He did his surgical training at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland and is currently an Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School.

Dr Robin Griffiths, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, NZ

Rob is the Academic Coordinator of occupational medicine and aviation medicine courses at the Wellington School of Medicine, University of Otago, New Zealand which enrolls students around the world in its distance learning programme. Rob holds consultancies to the Airways Corporation of NZ, the Transport Accident Commission, the Accident Compensation Corporation, Emirates and Etihad Airlines and other agencies around the world. He was previously Chief Medical Officer of the NZ Ministry of Transport and a lecturer in aviation medicine in the Royal Air Force, UK.

Dr Mark Newson-Smith, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, UAE

Dr Newson-Smith is trained in Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff winning a prize and scholarship award for projects on respiratory hazards to coal miners. He spent 11 years in the Royal Navy as an Occupational Physician working in ships and submarines and dockyards gaining a wide range of experience in occupational medicine finishing his time in the Navy as Senior Medical Officer (Submarines) at the Institute of Naval Medicine. He then worked in the private sector in the United Kingdom providing occupational health advice to government agencies such as the Environment Agency, the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food and the National Health Service Pensions Agency along with a range of private companies such as banks, manufacturing and transport companies and a zoo. He joined the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, UAE University, Al-Ain in 2001 working on teaching and research for over two years before joining ADMA-OPCO, an offshore oil and gas company in Abu Dhabi for a further two years as Senior Medical Officer (Occupational Health). He is currently the Chief Medical Officer for ENOC responsible for running their range of occupational health services. He is a Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine London and both the Australian and American Colleges of Legal Medicine. He has a Masters Degree in Occupational Health (Birmingham) and one in Legal Medicine (Cardiff). He has published an number of academic papers and continues to lecture at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

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Nick Kendall, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, London

Dr Nicholas Kendall trained as a clinical psychologist and now works as a health service consultant based in London. He works in evidence-based healthcare, and psychosocial contributions to musculoskeletal pain problems. He has research interests in occupational rehabilitation, musculoskeletal medicine, and spine surgery. He served previously as manager for evidence-based healthcare with the Accident Compensation Corporation in NZ, as a senior lecturer in orthopaedics & musculoskeletal medicine, and as clinical director of a large multidisciplinary pain service. While serving as chairman of the NZ low back pain project he coined the term "yellow flags" to describe risk factors for work loss and wrote a guideline on this topic.

Dr Aparna Hegde

Dr Aparna Hegde currently holds the position of Vice President of Aviation and Occupational Medicine for Emirates Airlines.

She is an Australian graduate who specialised in Aviation Medicine in the UK after completion of her General Practice training. She worked for the Australian Airforce for 11 years prior to joining Emirates. She has also done her Masters in Public Health and is actively involved the Australian Occ Med training program.

Dr John Schneider, UAE University, El Ain

After practicing in family medicine in north Queensland he completed postgraduate studies in Occupational Health and Safety at Curtin University in Western Australia. He is a Fellow of the Australasian Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Chartered Professional Member of the Safety Institute of Australia, and Member of the Australian College of Tropical Medicine.

For ten years, he practiced as a consultant in occupational medicine in Northern Australia. During this period much of his work was in the mining and agricultural sectors and their associated service industries.

His main areas of interest are occupation rehabilitation, the organisation and planning of occupational health services in rural and remote worksites, work in hot environments, and impairment assessment at the workplace.

He commenced work in the Department of Community Medicine, at the UAE University in September, 2005.

Dr Chris Stewart-Patterson, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, Vancouver

Dr. Stewart-Patterson works as a consultant in disability evaluation and occupational medicine to insurers, legal firms, unions and number of companies, including the Workers Compensation Board of British Columbia, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and both Provincial and Federal Government Occupational Health Programs. He has extensive experience and expertise in the facilitation of early return to work and specializes in return to work evaluations for safety critical/sensitive occupations such as police, correction officers, fire fighters, coast guard and railway personnel. He frequently lectures both locally and internationally on medical disability evaluation.

He is certified by the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners and is a past instructor for the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine lecturing on assessment of psychiatric disability in workers. In addition, Dr Stewart-Patterson is a clinical instructor in the Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia and a senior lecturer in disability evaluation at Wellington School of Medicine, University of Otago.

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Dr Tony Hochberg, Prime Health, Contracting Perth, West Australia

Dr Hochberg has worked full time in Occupational Medicine since 1992 and has held in excess of 30 consultative positions with various industries and organizations including Park Shipping Services, New Zealand; Telecom International; New Zealand Symphony Orchestra; Medical Waste Ltd; Life Flight Trust - Air Rescue and Air Ambulance Services; Aviation Security Service New Zealand; Air Chatham's; DHL; Wellington City Council; Ministry of Justice; Body Shop New Zealand and Accident Compensation Commission.

Dr Tony Hochberg is Senior lecturer in Aviation Medicine and Occupational Medicine at Edith Cowan University and Medical Director of Prime Health Group (Australia's largest provider of private specialist Occupational Medical care). In addition, Dr Hochberg has received training in underwriting from a Lloyds of London affiliate and remains their medical advisor for the last 16 years.

Registration:

The registration is now open! Visit www.occupationalmedicine.ae to view more information on the programme, speakers and registration.

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