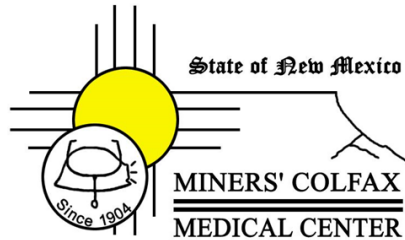


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Conference Fee

The registration for the conference is **\$225**. This includes **Continental Breakfast** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, **Lunch** Wednesday and **Miners' Lunch** Thursday as well as refreshment breaks each day. *Active and retired coal miners and their spouses/widows/companions are exempt from registration fees.*

Hotel Reservations

Reservations at the Radisson Salt Lake City Downtown may be made via the **Internet**: Rooms are available from Sunday, September 23 through Sunday, October 1. Hold the Ctrl Key and click the link (or copy and paste into your browser):

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(Refer to NBLC Conference rate)

Group Room rate is \$149.00/night plus 12.6% tax

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

Useful Links

Airport-Public Transportation: <http://www.slairport.com/parking-and-transportation/ground-transportation/>

Salt Lake City Trax Light Rail System (Green Line-Airport to Temple Square Station 1/2 block to hotel-\$2.50 one way) Also Free Fare Zone downtown
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National Coalition of Black Lung & Respiratory Disease Clinics

2017 CONFERENCE

September 27-29, 2017

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 this 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 past eight years and discuss how these have impacted the health and safety of US miners.
3. Understand how surveillance, disability, and mortality data can be used to characterize respiratory disease in mining populations.
4. Review treatment options for miners suffering from fibrotic lung disease.
5. Understand therapeutic interventions for patients suffering from the most advanced stages of lung disease.
6. Discuss the prevalence and severity of cardiovascular disease in the mining population.

Continuing Medical Education Credits:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine and the National Coalition of Black Lung and Respiratory Disease Clinics. The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine has applied to designate this Live activity for a maximum of 7 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Also, a maximum of 8 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.

National Coalition of Black Lung and Respiratory Disease Clinics 2017 Conference Schedule

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 6:00pm NCBLRDC Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
7:00am-2:00pm	Registration		
7:00am-8:15am	Continental Breakfast		
8:15am-8:30am	Welcome/Announcements/Housekeeping		
8:30am-8:45am	Tribute to Jon Wilderman		
8:45am-9:20am	Black Lung, PMF and the "Epidemic" - A Reporter's View Howard Berkes, National Public Radio		
9:20am-10:10am	NIOSH: PMF Findings Anita Wolfe, BS, Public Health Analyst, David Blackley, MPH, Dr PH, Cara Halldin, Epidemiologist, Laura Reynolds, EIS Officer NIOSH		
10:10am-10:30am	Break/Exhibits		
10:30am-11:00am	HRSA Update Allison Hutchings, MPH, Public Health Analyst, ORHP, HRSA		
11:00am-11:30am	Current Trends & Issues in the Black Lung Benefits Program/Current Trends & Changes in the Black Lung Program Process Alexander Smith, Esq. Legal Counsel, OALJ, Hon. Betty Jean Hall, Chief Judge, BRB, Michael A. Chance, Director, OWCP, DCMWC		
11:30am-1:00pm	Lunch Provided: Rediscovery of Black Lung in Australia Stephen Smyth, President, Queensland Australia Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy Union CFMEU)		
1:00pm-1:50pm	Life Cycle of a Claim Sandra Fogel, Esq., Culley & Wissore, Leonard Stayton, Esquire, Stayton Law Office, Robert Cohen, MD, FCCP, UIC School of Public Health, Alexander Smith, Esq. Legal Counsel, OALJ, Honorable Ryan Gilligan, Administrative Appeals Judge, BRB		
1:50pm-2:40pm	Mineralogic Analysis of Lung Tissue: A Technique to Identify Causes of Rapidly Progressive Pneumoconiosis and Dust Related Fibrosis Francis H.Y. Green, MD, University of Calgary		
2:40pm-3:00pm	Break/Exhibits		
3:00pm-3:50pm	The Lifetime of Respiratory Disease in Miners: Linking Active Surveillance, Disability and Mortality Datasets Kirsten Almberg, PhD, UIC School of Public Health	Calculating Years of Coal Mine Employment Evan Smith, Esq. Appalachian Citizens Law Center	You've Opened a Claim: Now What? Ron Carson Stone Mountain Health Services
3:50pm-4:40pm	Pharmacological Treatment of Pulmonary Fibrosis Nour Assad, MD, University of New Mexico	Miners with Lung Cancer: A New Approach to Victory Tom Johnson, Esq. Johnson Jones Snelling Gilbert & Davis, PC	SSE/PDO: Are You Responding Appropriately? Lynda Glagola, Lungs at Work

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
7:30am-8:30am	Continental Breakfast		
8:30am-8:45am	Welcome and Announcements		
8:45am-9:35am	Understanding Mining Jobs: A Miner's Perspective William "Cotton" Jarrell, CMSP Miners' Colfax Medical Center Board of Trustees		
9:35am-10:25am	Panel Discussion: Differentiating IPF from DDF Akshay Sood, MD, MPH, University of New Mexico, Facilitator, David James, MD, St Mary's Lung and Sleep Center, Grand Junction, CO, Kathleen DePonte, MD, Diagnostic Imaging Associates PC, Francis H.Y. Green, MD, University of Calgary, Jared Bramwell, Esq., Kelly & Bramwell		
10:25am-10:45am	Break/Exhibits		
10:45am-11:35am	Review of the Recent Medical Literature on Black Lung Robert Cohen, MD, FCCP, University of Illinois at Chicago	Journey Through the Initial Claims Process Gloria Querriapa-Valdes, Shawnee Health Service	
11:45am-1:15pm	Miners Luncheon Health and Safety Update: Josh Roberts, UMWA Health & Safety Director, Mike Dalpaiz, International VP District 22, Bob Butero, Western Regional Dir. Main Speaker: Joe Main, MSHA - Retrospective on Eight Years at MSHA		
1:15pm-2:05pm	Group Discussion: Cardiovascular Disease in Miners Akshay Sood, MD, MPH, Facilitator Esther Ajarapu, MD, Stone Mountain Health Services, David James, MD, Kathleen DePonte, MD	Case Decisions Update Michael Rutledge, Counsel for Administrative Litigation Gary Stearman, Counsel for Appellate Litigation Office of the Solicitor, DOL	Interrogatories & Depositions: What An Unrepresented Miner Needs to Know Michelle Brester, Paralegal Kelly & Bramwell
2:05pm-2:55pm	Caring for the Miner with Advanced Lung Disease Barbara Cahill, MD, University of Utah	Case Decisions Update Continued	Let's Play! Completing Interrogatories Kandace Evans/Cotton Jarrell Miners' Colfax Medical Center
2:55pm-3:15pm	Break/Exhibits		
3:15pm-4:30pm	Black Lung Jeopardy: Hosted by the Honorable Ryan Gilligan, Administrative Appeals Judge, BRB		
4:30pm-5:30pm	Project ECHO		

Friday, September 29, 2017

Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
7:45am-8:30am	Continental Breakfast		
8:30am-10:30am	DOL Physician Training Robert Cohen, MD, Leonard Go, MD University of Illinois at Chicago	Emerging Litigation Issues Jared Bramwell, Esq., Facilitator Kelly & Bramwell	Bring Your Claims & Your Questions Kandace Evans Miner's Colfax Medical Center

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