

# 2018 West Virginia Black Lung Conference

## THE PMF EPIDEMIC: "WHAT WOULD MIKE SOUTH DO?"



Sponsored by the  
WV Association of Black Lung Clinics and the  
WV Black Lung Clinics Program  
Pipestem Resort State Park  
Pipestem, West Virginia  
June 6-8, 2018

**Overview:** The goal of the 2018 conference will be to provide the most recent medical and legal developments in occupational pneumoconiosis.

**Objectives:** By attending this conference, participants will be able to:

- Understand the history of pulmonary massive fibrosis and its prevalence over the last 36 years
- Discuss the standards for lung implantation and expected outcomes
- Describe methods of documenting black lung disease in primary care settings
- Establish strategies for getting miners to participate in their own care
- Define disability using results from an exercise arterial blood gas studies
- Identify types of radiographs used for ILO classification
- Discuss state and federal benefits programs for coal miners

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Primary care providers, health care personnel, mine workers, attorneys and any others involved or interested in occupational medicine

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 West Virginia Association of Black Lung Clinics and the West Virginia Black Lung Clinics Program. 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 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Also, a maximum of 11 CEU's will be available through the Continuing Education Institute of Illinois for Physicians, Nurses (NP/RN/LPN), Respiratory & Physical Therapists, X-Ray Technicians and Social Workers.

Pipestem Resort State Park is located off of Interstate 77  
Take Exit 14 and follow Route 20 North  
Signs will direct you to the park

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pipestem Resort State Park  
June 6-8, 2018

Rooms are available at Pipestem Resort State Park for June 4, 5, 6 and 7. Room rates are \$113/night regular room (single/double) or \$124/night gorge view room (single/double) plus 12% tax. (10% senior citizen discount is available for persons 60 and older. Please request when making reservation.) Also, a deposit in the amount of the first night's lodging is required at the time the reservation is made. Participants are responsible for their own room reservations. Contact Pipestem at (800) 225-5982 or direct at (304) 466-1800 ext. 353, and reference the Black Lung Conference.

**Please make your reservations by Friday, May 4, 2018.**

**Registration Fee for all Participants: \$200.00;** Continental Breakfast Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Miners' Lunch on Wednesday and refreshment breaks\*

\*For a fee of \$30, participant guests may partake of the continental breakfasts, the Miners' Lunch and breaks (See Registration Form)

#### UNEMPLOYED OR RETIRED COAL MINERS ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION FEE

**Complete and return** the Registration Form and enclose check payable to the "WV Association of Black Lung Clinics". Payment will also be accepted at time of registration by *cash or check*. (If you plan to pay the registration fee at the registration table, please send in registration form and check the "Will pay at registration table" box.

**By May 4, please send form and check to:** David Haden, Bureau for Public Health, Division of Primary Care,  
350 Capitol Street, Room 515, Charleston, WV 25301-3716.

Registration form may also be faxed to (304) 558-1437 or emailed to [david.shaden@wv.gov](mailto:david.shaden@wv.gov).

**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**

8:00 am - 2:00 pm **REGISTRATION**

8:00 am - 9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

9:00 am - 9:15 am **Welcome/Announcements**

9:15 am - 10:15 am **NIOSH Surveillance of CWP**  
Scott Laney, MD, MPH, David Blackley, MPH, Dr PH and Cara Halldin, Epidemiologist  
NIOSH/DRDS

10:15 am - 10:30 am **Break/Exhibits**

10:30 am - 11:20 am **USDOL Black Lung Program Updates**  
Michael Chance, Director  
Gerald Delo, Deputy Director  
OWCP, DCMWC, USDOL

11:20 am - 12:10 pm **The Schedule for the Submission of Additional Evidence**  
Sandy Fogel, Esquire  
Culley & Wissore

12:10 pm - 2:00 pm **MINERS' LUNCH**  
Cecil Roberts, President  
UMWA

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm **The History of PMF in the United States As Seen Through the Black Lung Benefits Act 1970-2016**  
Robert Cohen, MD, FCCP  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
School of Public Health

2:50 pm - 3:40 pm **Federal Black Lung Program from a Miner's Perspective**  
John Cline, Esquire

3:40 pm - 4:00 pm **Break/Exhibits**

4:00 pm - 4:50 pm **Lung Transplantation: A Miner's Perspective**  
Robert Bailey, Retired Miner

**Thursday, June 7, 2018**

8:00 am - 10:00 am **REGISTRATION**

8:00 am - 9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

9:00 am - 9:10 am **Welcome/Announcements**

9:10 am - 10:00 am **Identifying Candidate-Digitally Acquired Chest Radiographs for ILO Classification**  
Edward L Petsonk, MD  
Rafia Zulfikar, MD  
WVU School of Medicine

10:00 am - 10:20 am **Break/Exhibits**

10:20 am - 11:10 am **An Overview of Lung Transplantation**  
Oksana A. Shlobin, MD  
**Surgical Aspects of Lung Transplantation**  
Linda J. Bogar, MD  
INOVA Medical Group

11:10 am - 12:00 pm **Practical Strategies for Engaging Miners In Their Own Care**  
E. Bridgette Gottschall, MD, MSPH  
National Jewish Health

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm **LUNCH (On Your Own)**

1:45 pm - 2:35 pm **Documenting Black Lung Disability in a Primary Care Setting**  
Daniel Doyle, MD  
Cabin Creek Health and New River Health  
Sam Petsonk, Esquire  
Mountain State Justice

2:35 pm - 3:25 pm **Proving Disability Using Arterial Blood Gas Studies**  
Leonard Stayton, Esquire  
Leonard J. Stayton, PSC

3:25 pm - 3:55 pm **Break/Exhibits**

3:55 pm - 4:45 pm **Recent Developments in WV Workers' Compensation for Occupational Pneumoconiosis**  
Robert Williams, Esquire  
Maroney, Williams, Weaver & Pancake, PLLC

6:00 pm **RECEPTION**  
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**Friday, June 8, 2018**

8:00 am - 9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Rapidly Progressive Pneumoconiosis: Beyond PMF**  
Leonard Go, MD  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
School of Public Health

10:00 am - 10:20 am **Break/Exhibits**

10:20 am - 11:40 am **Part 90: Keeping Our Working Miners Breathing**  
Josh Roberts, Administrator of Health and Safety  
UMWA

11:40 am **Raffle/Conclusion**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please Print or Type*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Payable to "WV Association of Black Lung Clinics"

Will pay at registration table  
(cash or check only)

**PLEASE RETURN BY May 4, 2018 to:**

David Haden  
Bureau for Public Health  
Division of Primary Care  
350 Capitol Street, Room 515  
Charleston, WV 25301-3716

**Meal tickets are available for non-registered guests at a cost of \$30 each. Meal ticket includes: Continental Breakfast Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Miners' Lunch Wednesday and all scheduled refreshment breaks**

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**NUMBER OF MEAL TICKETS REQUESTED** \_\_\_\_\_