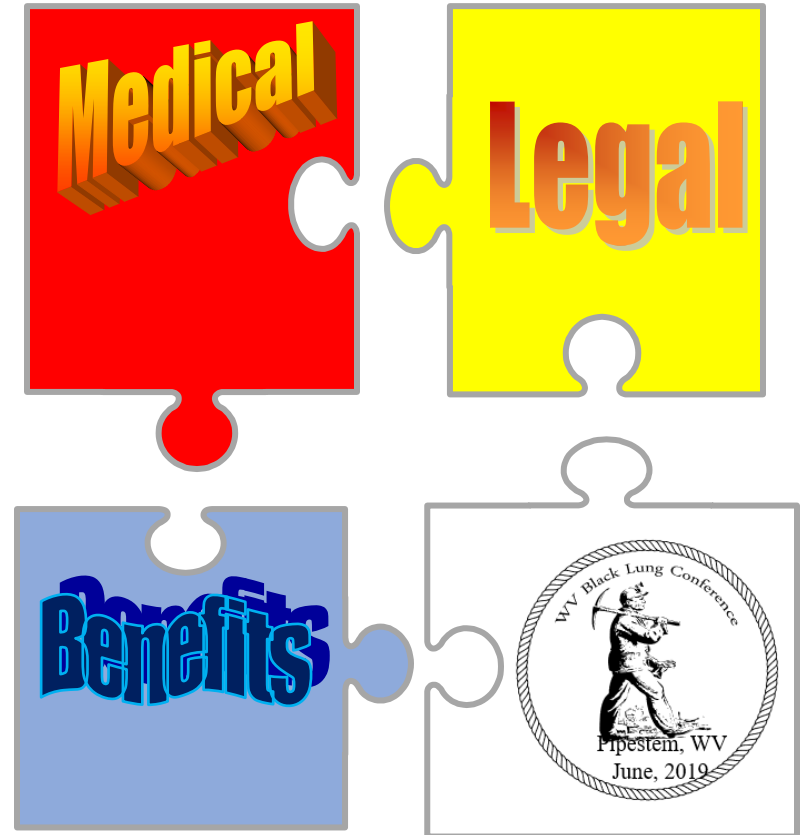


# 2019 West Virginia Black Lung Conference

## Putting the Pieces Together



Sponsored by the  
WV Association of Black Lung Clinics and the  
WV Black Lung Clinics Program  
Pipestem Resort State Park  
Pipestem, West Virginia  
June 5-7, 2019

**Overview:** The goal of the 2019 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 latest research on resurgence of coal mine dust disease
- Discuss various programs and resources for miners with pulmonary massive fibrosis
- Describe issues facing treating physicians after the miner has received a lung transplant
- Establish a system for calculating coal mine employment
- Understand the mortality patterns in coal miner
- Discuss the type and range of PMF with historic and modern cases
- Be aware of behavioral health needs of miner
- Compare the difference in state workers' compensation and federal black lung benefit
- Describe the economic impact of disease and benefits to coal mining communities
- Understand the global populations at risk for coal mine dust induced lung disease

**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 16 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 16 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 5-7, 2019

Rooms are available at Pipestem Resort State Park for June 3, 4, 5 and 6. Room rates are \$115/night regular room (single/double) or \$126/night gorge view room (single/double) plus 12% tax; a 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 3, 2019.**

**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.s.haden@wv.gov](mailto:david.s.haden@wv.gov).

**Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

7:45 am - 2:00 pm **REGISTRATION**

7:45 am - 9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

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

9:10 am - 10:00 am **Recent Findings from the Coal Workers' Surveillance Program**  
 Cara Halldin, PhD, MPH, David Blackley, Dr PH, MPH, Scott Laney, PhD, MPH and Noemi Hall, PhD  
**Faces of Black Lung**  
 Anita Wolfe, BA, Program Coordinator/  
 Public Health Analyst  
 and Melissa Yancheski, BA, Program Support  
 NIOSH/DRDS

10:00 am - 10:50 am **Upsurge of Complicated Black Lung in Kentucky Miners**  
 Brandon Crum, MD  
 United Medical Center

10:50 am - 11:05 am **Break/Exhibits**

11:05 am - 11:35 am **Legal Recourse for Miners' with Massive Pulmonary Fibrosis**  
 Tim Bailey, Esquire  
 Bailey, Javins & Carter LC

11:35 am - 12:15 pm Cecil Roberts, President  
 UMWA

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm **MINERS' LUNCH**

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm **Issues Facing Coal Field Communities**  
 Grant Crandall, Esquire

2:20 pm - 3:10 pm **Calculating Coal Mine Employment**  
 Evan Smith, Esquire, Director of Advocacy  
 AppalReD Legal Aid

3:10 pm - 3:30 pm **Break/Exhibits**

3:30 pm - 4:20 pm **West Virginia Miners: Living with Black Lung Disease**  
 John Cline, Esquire

4:20 pm - 5:10 pm **Workers' Compensation in WV**  
 Robert Williams, Esquire  
 Maroney, Williams, Weaver & Pancake, PLLC

6:00 pm **RECEPTION**  
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 Maroney, Williams, Weaver & Pancake, PLLC

**Thursday, June 6, 2019**

7:00 am - 10:00 am **REGISTRATION**

7:00 am - 8:30 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:10 am - 8:20 am **Welcome/Announcements**

8:20 am - 9:10 am **Pitfalls of Lung Transplant Referrals for Coal Miners**  
 Rafia Zulfikar, MD, Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine  
 WVU School of Medicine

9:10 am - 10:00 am **Lung Disease, Miners and Mining Communities: A Global Population At Risk**  
 Robert Cohen, MD, FCCP  
 University of Illinois at Chicago  
 School of Public Health

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

10:20 am - 11:10 am **Rapidly Progressive Pneumoconiosis in Appalachian Miners: Clinical, Pathologic and Mineralogic Findings**  
 Leonard Go, MD  
 University of Illinois at Chicago  
 School of Public Health

11:10 am - 12:00 pm **Trends In Mortality Patterns Among US Coal Miners Filing for Federal Black Lung Program Benefits**  
 Kirsten Almberg, PhD  
 University of Illinois at Chicago  
 School of Public Health

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm **LUNCH (On Your Own)**

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm **"5 Little Puzzles" Diagnosing Miners with Cough & Dyspnea**  
 Daniel Doyle, MD  
 Cabin Creek Health and New River Health

2:20 pm - 3:10 pm **Probing the Miners Clinic Database for Health Education and Disease Prevention Opportunities**  
 E. Bridgette Gottschall, MD, MSPH  
 Dymond Ruybal, MD  
 National Jewish Health

3:10 pm - 3:30 pm **Break/Exhibits**

3:30 pm - 4:20 pm **Medications For the Symptoms of Black Lung**  
 Megan Peterson, Pharmacist  
 Valley Health Systems

4:20 pm - 5:10 pm **Type and Range of PMF Seen in Coal Miners with Historic and Modern Cases of Disease**  
 Francis Green, MD  
 University of Calgary

**Friday, June 7, 2019**

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

9:00 am - 9:50 am **Behavioral Health for Coal Miners**  
 Samantha Mann, Licensed Psychologist  
 Bluestone Health Association  
 Jim Werth, Licensed Clinical Psychologist  
 Margaret Tomann, Research & Development Coordinator  
 Stone Mountain Health Services

9:50 am - 11:00 am **Black Lung Program Updates**  
 Michael Chance, Director  
 DCMWC, OWCP  
 Alexander Smith, Sr. Attorney for Black Lung  
 Honorable William Colwell, Assoc Chief Judge Black Lung  
 OALJ, USDOL  
 Honorable Robert Lesnick, Senior Judge  
 Federal Mine Safety Health Review Commission

11:00 am **Raffle/Conclusion**

**REGISTRATION FORM**



Please Print or Type

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

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will pay at registration table  
 (cash or check only)

Payable to "WV Association of Black Lung Clinics"

**PLEASE RETURN BY May 3, 2019 to:**

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 350 Capitol Street, Room 515  
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**Meal tickets are available for non-registered guests at a cost of \$30 each. Meal ticket includes: continental breakfasts Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Miners' Lunch Wednesday and all scheduled refreshment breaks**

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