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### Conference Fee

The registration fee for the conference is \$275. 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 Park Vista may be made via the Internet: *Rooms are available from Sunday, September 22 through Saturday, September 28.*

Click the link below (or copy and paste into your browser):

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/G/GKTPVDT-BLC-20190922/index.jhtml>

Click "Book a Room" then enter arrival and departure dates. The types of rooms available for your selected arrival and departure dates will appear. After selecting the room type, you will be directed to a reservation summary and final booking. i.e., guest information and reservation guarantee.

Phone: If you prefer to make your reservation by phone, call (800) 421-7275 and ask for reservations. (Refer to BLC Conference rate)

**Group Room rate is \$129.00/night plus 12.75% tax**

**Reservations at the group rate may be made through Thursday, August 22.**

## Useful Links

The Park Vista (Ctrl+Click) <http://www.parkvista.com/>

Gatlinburg (Ctrl+Click) <https://www.gatlinburg.com>

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## National Coalition of Black Lung & Respiratory Disease Clinics 2019 CONFERENCE September 25-27, 2019

ATTENTION: COAL MINERS  
FREE BLACK LUNG SCREENING

NIOSH's Mobile Occupational Safety and Health Unit will be at The Park Vista to conduct black lung screenings Wednesday-Friday, September 25-27, 2019. All coal miners are encouraged to stop by the mobile and participate in this free health exam. Typically, the exam takes about 30 minutes and includes a short questionnaire, a chest radiograph, and a spirometry (breathing) test. Blood pressure screening will also be available. Depending on the number of miners participating, some wait time should be anticipated. The National Coalition of Black Lung and Respiratory Disease Clinics, Inc. strongly encourages miners to have the free screening at our conference.

*Note: Miners are eligible to participate in the NIOSH examination program every 5 years. Therefore, miners that have participated within the past 5 years will not be eligible for this examination.*

### 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:
- \* Describe respiratory diseases, including COPD and lung cancer, in US coal miners.
  - \* Describe the prevalence and severity of respiratory disease, diagnosed radiologically and physiologically in US coal miners.
  - \* Understand the radiographic findings in pneumoconiosis
  - \* Discuss the significance associated with dust monitoring
  - \* Identify mine safety issues
  - \* Provide reasoned and well documented medical opinions for Black Lung claims
  - \* Recognize how surveillance, disability, and mortality data can be used to characterize respiratory disease in mining populations.
  - \* Participate in legal/medical/social discourse
  - \* Provide coal miners with sound benefit counseling based on legal and medical expertise
  - \* Understand the demand for quality services related to legal, medical and social mandates for miners with Black lung
  - \* Understand the challenges facing rural professionals in caring for miners and the role of mentoring and tele-mentoring
  - \* Understand the importance of inter-grantee collaboration for their programs and how to achieve it

### 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 12 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>TM</sup>**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Also, a maximum of 12 continuing education credits 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.

National Coalition of Black Lung and Respiratory Disease Clinics 2019 Conference Schedule

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 6:00pm NCBLRDC Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
7:00am-2:00pm	Registration		
7:00am-8:15am	Continental Breakfast		
8:15am-8:30am	Welcome/Announcements/Housekeeping		
8:30am-9:30am	Federal Updates Michael Chance, Director, OWCP, DCMWC, USDOL, Honorable William Colwell, Associate Chief Judge, OALJ, Krista Mastel, Public Health Analyst, HRSA ORHP		
9:30am-10:30am	Mentoring of Rural Black Lung Professionals - Anecdotal and Evidence Based Considerations Akshay Sood, MD, MPH, Miners' Colfax Medical Center, Lata Shah, MD, Hawkins Physician Services, Lynda Glagola, BS, RRT, Lungs At Work, Sandra Fogel, Esquire, Culley & Wissore		
10:30am-10:50am	Break/Exhibits		
10:50am-11:50am	Emphysema Without Obstruction: Is It Possible? Akshay Sood, Miners' Colfax Medical Center, MD, MPH, Leonard Go, MD, UIC School of Public Health		<b>Walking Through the Claim's Process</b> Heather Lane, Community Health of East TN
11:50am-1:00pm	Lunch Provided		
1:00pm-2:00pm	What is Killing Our Coal Miners: An Epidemiologist Perspective Kirsten AlMBERG, PhD, UIC School of Medicine	Legislative Action John Cline, Esquire Eric Dixon, Esquire, Appalachian Citizens Law Center	Building a Firm Foundation: The Key to Successful Briefing for Lay Advocates Lynda Glagola, BS, RRT, Lungs At Work
2:00pm-3:00pm	Burden of Occupational COPD Cecile Rose, MD, MPH, National Jewish Health	Case Decisions Update Office of the Solicitor	Better Patient Communication for Better Outcomes Becky Maruca, East Ohio Regional Hospital
3:00pm-3:20pm	Break/Exhibits		
3:20pm-4:20pm	Pulmonary Rehabilitation for Miners Brenda Marion, RN, New River Breathing Center	Case Decisions Update Continued	You have the SSAE: Now What? Gloria Queriapa-Valdes, Shawnee Health Service
5:30pm-6:30pm	Welcome Reception		

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
7:45am-2:00pm	Registration		
7:45am-9:00am	Continental Breakfast		
9:00am-9:10am	Welcome and Announcements		
9:10am-10:00am	NIOSH Updates/Faces of Black Lung II Cara Halldin, PhD, MPH, Anita Wolfe, BA, Program Coordinator/Public Health Analyst		
10:00am-10:50am	Imaging Updates of Black Lung in Central Appalachia Brandon Crum, MD, United Medical Group		
10:50am-11:00am	Break/Exhibits		
11:00am-11:50am	Lung Cancer as Legal Pneumoconiosis? Akshay Sood, MD, MPH, Miners' Colfax Medical Center, Bruce Wissore, Esquire, Culley & Wissore		Using Social Security Earnings Record to Determine CME Shelly Stuthers, Shawnee Health Service
11:50am-1:00pm	Miners Luncheon Levi Allen, Secretary Treasurer, UMWA		
1:00pm-2:00pm	Water Contaminants and Health in Mining Communities Lauren Zell-Baran, Epidemiologist, National Jewish Health	The Nuts and Bolts of the 15 Year Presumption Leonard Stayton, Esquire, Leonard Stayton Law Office	Inter-grantee Collaboration: A Case-Based Discussion of Mechanisms, Benefits and Challenges Charles Pollard, Miners' Colfax Medical Center, Sarah Salverson, NOWCAP, Jolene Walker, Critical Nurse Staffing LLC
2:00pm-3:00pm	CT Scanning for Pneumoconiosis Brandon Crum, MD, United Medical Group	Hearing Complications: What Would You Do When.. Jared Bramwell, Esquire, Kelly & Bramwell	All Things Inhaled: Getting a Complete Environmental Exposure History Deborah Wills, Valley Health Systems
3:00pm-3:20pm	Break/Exhibits		
3:20pm-4:20pm	Best OF ECHO - Case Discussion with Interactive Audience Poll Participation Akshay Sood, MD, MPH, Miners' Colfax Medical Center, Lata Shah, MD, Hawkins Physician Services, Sandra Fogel, Esquire, Culley & Wissore		Preparing the Miner for Hearing Brad Johnson, Stone Mountain Health Services
4:40pm-5:40pm	'Project ECHO Meet & Greet' co-presented by New Mexico and West Virginia: hors d'oeuvres served; video introduction by Senator Tom Udall		

Friday, September 27, 2019

Time	Medical	Legal	Benefits
7:30am-8:30am	Continental Breakfast		
8:30am-9:30am	Miner Safety and Health: Two Sides of the Same Coin William "Cotton" Jarrell, CMSP, Miners' Colfax Medical Center		
9:30am-10:30am	Review of Pulmonary Effects of the Non-Coal Constituents of Coal Mine Dust Rafia Zulfikar, MD, WVU School of Medicine	Emerging Litigation Issues Joseph Allman, Esquire, Facilitator, Allman Law	Discussions: Important Issues Facing Benefits Counselors Heather Lane, Community Health of East TN, Moderator



## 2019 NCBLRDC Conference Registration

This conference is intended to be a safe and beneficial place where participants can learn, share and network in a confidential atmosphere conducive to facilitating meaningful problem solving and offering relevant content.

### *REGISTRATION INFORMATION & POLICIES*

Registration for this conference is exclusively for all classes of membership of the Coalition and other qualifying persons **only**. It is up to individuals to determine if they qualify. The Coalition reserves the right to grant final approval for all registrants to attend this conference.

Registration is restricted to the following:  
**(Please check appropriate category)**

- Organizational Members
- Professional Members (Professional membership is \$50 annually for the purpose of advancing the Mission of the Coalition)
- Individual Members
- Speakers
- Government Employees
- Nonmember physicians & staff who treat and care for coal miners
- Nonmember attorneys & staff who provide legal assistance to claimants
- Coal miners and their spouses
- Spouse/guest/children of registered attendee (A fee of \$30 per person is required to attend the luncheons on Wednesday and Thursday as well as scheduled refreshment breaks.)

### *Registration Form* National Coalition of Black Lung and Respiratory Disease Clinics 2019 Conference

To register, please check attendance category at left, complete the following information and return entire page via email, FAX or mail as indicated below.

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Name

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at registration\*

Make checks payable to: NCBLRDC

If paying at registration, please email, FAX or mail  
Registration form as noted below.

**By August 22, 2019**

*Mail/FAX/E-mail Registration Form(s) to:*

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