

Emerging Issues in Occupational, Environmental and Preventive Medicine Conference

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

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Attendees should have accessible knowledge to recognize emerging issues in general preventive medicine and occupational and environmental health.

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center designates this live activity for a maximum of **5.25 AMA PRA. Category 1 credits™**. Participants should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Conference Schedule

8:00– 8:30 a.m.

Registration/Check-in/Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Speaker:

Sue Cox, MD, Dean, SOM

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

The Re-emergence of New World Screwworm

Speaker:

Brent Moore, DVM, MS, MPH, DACVPM

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Advancing Veteran Care through Military Environmental Exposure Research

Speakers:

Michele Soltis, MD, MPH, FACPM

Eric Shuping, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACOEM

Erin Dursa, PhD, MPH

BREAK 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

UTHSC-Tyler and the Asbestos Workers-The Importance of Revisiting History

Speakers:

Dalia Nessim, MD, MPH, FACOEM

Jeffrey Levin, MD, MSPH, DrPH, FACOEM, FACP

Catherine Goetz, DO, MPH

BREAK/GRAB LUNCH 11:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Grand Rounds

Deadly Countertops: Tracing a Modern Silicosis Epidemic

Speaker:

Sheiphali Gandhi, MD, MPH

BREAK 1:00-1:15 p.m.

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Panel - Emerging Issues in Agricultural and Rural Emergency Response: From Field Hazards to System Solutions

Speakers:

Alan Cook, MD, MS, FACS

Jeffrey Levin, MD, MSPH, DrPH, FACOEM, FACP

Kevin Moore, PhD, MBA, CSP,

Gregory LeMay, MPH, NRP CHW #15839

Moderator:

Vanessa Casanova, PhD, MS

BREAK 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

The Strategic Evolution of Occupational Safety and Health: How the past prepares us to lead the future of worker health, safety, and well-being.

Speaker:

Sarah Felknor, DrPH

3:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Wrap Up/ Closing Remarks

Registration

To register, please visit:

<https://uthct.cloud-cme.com/EmergingIssues2026>

Conference material will be made available upon request.

Registration Pricing:

Physicians, PA's, NP's: \$100

Non-Physicians: \$50

Residents, Students: Free

Registration will close on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 5p.m.

Late Registration: May 29th, 2026- June 5th,

2026 Physicians, PA's, NP's: \$125

Non-Physicians: \$75

Residents, Students: Free



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