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President's Insights

By Małgorzata Hasek, MD, MPH, FACOEM, FACPM



Dear CSOEMA Colleagues,

Welcome to Fall! We are only days away from the Fall Seminar. You are invited - Join us!

The **CSOEMA Fall Seminar** will be held on September 11, 2026, as a one-day virtual conference. The theme of the seminar is: *From Risk to Response: Screening and Surveillance in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.* The Fall Seminar offers both live and asynchronous CME sessions to all attendees. Co-Chairs: **Drs. Margaret Hasek, Christopher Iverson, and Ivy Obony.**

Also, the **103rd Annual CSOEMA Spring Seminar** will be held on March 11–13, 2027, at The Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club in Madison, Wisconsin. Co-Chairs**: Drs. Margaret Hasek, Jui Haker, Maria Starchook-Moore, and Nick Blonien.** The theme of the seminar is *Great Lakes, Great Work: Advancing Occupational and Environmental Medicine.*

Furthermore, CSOEMA supports regional OEM events in the Central States. The **Chicago OEM Society Fall Assembly** will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Be sure to attend this local event.

CSOEMA remains committed to engaging the next generation of occupational and environmental medicine physicians. We invite residents from the University of Illinois Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency, as well as the Public Health and General Preventive Medicine residency programs at Cook County Health/Northwestern and the University of Wisconsin, to participate in our activities. We welcome additional ideas on how CSOEMA can continue supporting physicians-in-training across the American Board of Preventive Medicine specialties.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your CSOEMA President during the 2026–2027 year. I appreciate your continued support and engagement, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Warm regards,

Margaret

Małgorzata Hasek, MD, MPH, FACOEM, FACPM
CSOEMA President, 2026–2027



Current President Dr. Margaret Hasek and Immediate Past President Dr. Isabel Pereira gather at the Central States OEM Association Executive Retreat in Lake Geneva in early August 2026, where association leaders plan the year's programs, events, and initiatives to better serve our members.

Around the States

National

- *Occupational Health & Safety (August 6, 2026):* **Emerging Risks Are Reshaping Industrial Hearing Protection.** Dynamic noise exposures, low-frequency sound, combined hazards, and compliance challenges are forcing organizations to rethink traditional hearing conservation programs and adopt more comprehensive protection strategies.

- *PR Newswire.com (July 10, 2026)*: **One in Five American Workers Tested Had a Positive Hair Drug Test in 2025, Signaling Persistent Long-Term Substance Use Patterns.** Nearly one in five workers in the general U.S. workforce (19.1%) tested positive for drug use based on an analysis of hair specimens collected in 2025, an increase of nearly 46% compared to 13.1% in 2021, finds the 2026 Quest Diagnostics Drug Testing Index.

- *Forbes.com (July 21, 2026*): **More Employers Drop Marijuana Tests Despite Rising Positive Results**. Despite a rise in positive workplace marijuana tests, nearly half of U.S. employers have stopped screening job candidates for the drug. This trend reflects evolving societal views and widespread legalization across most states.

- *Postercompliance.com (February 7, 2025)*: **The Business Impact of State Marijuana Laws**. For HR professionals managing labor law compliance, this patchwork of state-specific marijuana laws, federal regulations, and emerging privacy considerations makes policy development more complex than ever. Employers must carefully balance workplace safety, drug-free policies, and employee rights to remain compliant and avoid potential litigation.

- *Shumaker.com (June 29, 2026)*: **Client Alert: Department of Justice Reclassifies Medical Marijuana as Schedule III: What Employers and Businesses Need to Know.** On April 23, 2026, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a final order reclassifying two types of marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule III under federal law: marijuana used under state medical marijuana programs and Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications that contain marijuana.

- *Foleyservices.com (May 27, 2026):* **DOT Drug Test Rules After Marijuana's Move to Schedule III**. A federal order moved FDA-approved marijuana products to Schedule III. Here is what it changes for your DOT drug test program and what it does not.

- *Patriotdrugtesting.com (April 22, 2026)*: **Understanding DOT Drug Testing Requirements: A Complete Guide for Employers**. DOT drug and alcohol testing is governed by 49 CFR Part 40 — strict procedures define every step from collection to return-to-duty. The 2026 rule adds oral fluid as an alternative collection method.

- *WOEMA.org (2026):* **ACOEM House of Delegates Approves Resolution for the Prohibition of Crystalline Silica in Engineered Stone Countertop Manufacturing**. At the recent AOHC 2026 meeting in Chicago, the ACOEM House of Delegates approved a resolution submitted by WOEMA member Robert Blink, MD, MPH that ACOEM advocate for several steps to eliminate the epidemic of silicosis caused by engineered stone.

- *Envigilance.com (2026):* **OSHA Silica Dust: Critical Air Monitoring Compliance Guide 2026.** Approximately 2.3 million workers in the United States face exposure to respirable crystalline silica in their workplaces. This microscopic hazard, found in industries ranging from construction to countertop manufacturing, carries severe health consequences including silicosis, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and kidney disease.

- *Medicalxpress.com (May 5, 2026):* **A preventable mining disease is still spreading through global pits as demand for critical minerals grows.** Researchers from National Jewish Health have conducted what is believed to be the largest systematic review of silicosis in mineral miners.

- *Osha.gov (2026):* OSHA, Did you know? Silica dust. The manufacturing, finishing, and installing of natural and engineered stone countertop products can expose workers to health hazards from silica dust. This can lead to serious and life-threatening illnesses including silicosis, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and kidney disease.

Illinois

- *Illinoiscannabis.org (2026): Illinois Drug Testing Laws 2026. Even though Illinois has had a regulated cannabis market since January 1, 2020, the state does not currently have a general drug testing law. Nevertheless, several statutes determine workplace drug testing policies for private and public employers statewide.*

Indiana

- *Occupational Health and Safety (August 12, 2026):* **Innovation and Collaboration Drive the NSC Safety Congress & Expo.** From emerging technologies to peer-to-peer learning, attendees are discovering practical ideas they can take home to strengthen workplace safety. The Indiana Convention Center is once again the gathering place for thousands of workplace safety professionals as the National Safety Council Safety Congress & Expo brings together more than 1,000 exhibitors, industry experts and safety leaders to explore the latest products, technologies and strategies aimed at preventing injuries and strengthening workplace safety.

Iowa

- *Iowa College of Public Health (March 13, 2026):* **2026 Cancer in Iowa Report.** This year's annual surveillance report specifically highlights cancer incidence patterns among Iowa's farming population, a first-of-its-kind occupational breakout in the registry's annual series. Iowa continues to rank second-highest nationally for cancer incidence.

- *The Gazette (August 5, 2026):* **IIHR (Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research) is developing a predictive nitrate-forecasting tool for Iowa waterways in response to rising cancer rates.** A new UI research initiative aims to develop a forecasting and early warning system for nitrate in Iowa Rivers, and streams

- *KCRG & Iowa Capital Dispatch (May 19, 2026):* **Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed a bill in May 2026 requiring radon mitigation systems in all newly built Iowa homes.** Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a bill Tuesday requiring radon mitigation systems in all newly built Iowa homes, a measure that passed with near-unanimous bipartisan support and takes effect July 1. House File 2297 requires all newly constructed single- or two-family residences to have passive radon mitigation installed, a system of pipes and venting designed to reduce radon levels before they become dangerous. The bill passed unanimously in the Iowa Senate and by only three votes in the House.

Minnesota

- *Yahoo Finance via Business Wire (August 17, 2026):* **Concentra Strengthens Workforce Health Access in Minnesota Through Acquisition.** Four Twin Cities locations join Concentra's network, strengthening access to high-quality occupational health care

Missouri

- *Health-street.net (2026):* **Workplace Drug Testing Laws in Missouri**. There are not many workplace drug testing laws in Missouri to encourage drug testing or to limit it. However, certain employment drug screening laws must be met for workers' compensation and unemployment purposes.

Nebraska

- *Nebraskastatecannabis.org (2026):* **Nebraska Drug Testing Laws 2026.** The scope of the Nebraska Drug and Alcohol Testing in the Workplace Act is covered in Sections 48-1901 to 48-1910 of the state's Revised Statutes. The state's drug testing laws outline the types of drug tests employers can conduct and the conditions under which employers can require or request drug tests.

Wisconsin

- *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (July 17, 2026):* **Health experts say to use air purifier, other tips to keep smoke out.** A haze of wildfire smoke hung over the Milwaukee area for the second full day Friday and was expected to linger over the weekend, raising questions about ongoing health effects.

- *FOX 11 News (April 28, 2026)*: **Green Bay marks Workers Memorial Day, pressing for safer jobs in the year ahead.** The Green Bay community commemorated Workers Memorial Day Tuesday by honoring lives lost and demanding safer job conditions.

OEM Image of the Month



Gross pathology comparison of a healthy human lung (right) and a lung with advanced silicosis (left). Archival image, public domain. *Hudson Institute of Medical Research (6 July 2026):* **Airway cells, not immune cells, trigger silicosis: new understanding of a deadly disease.** Silicosis — a devastating and incurable lung disease caused by inhaling silica dust — is surging worldwide, fuelled by a new wave of aggressive cases in young tradespeople working with engineered stone. Despite its growing impact, the biological triggers that turn silica exposure into life-threatening lung inflammation and scarring have remained poorly understood. Now, researchers at Hudson

Institute of Medical Research have overturned decades of scientific assumptions, revealing that the structural cells lining the airways — not immune cells — are major instigators of silica-induced lung damage. The discovery identifies a new therapeutic target for a disease that currently has no cure.

Special Articles

The Value Proposition: What OEM Physicians Bring to Healthcare Sustainability

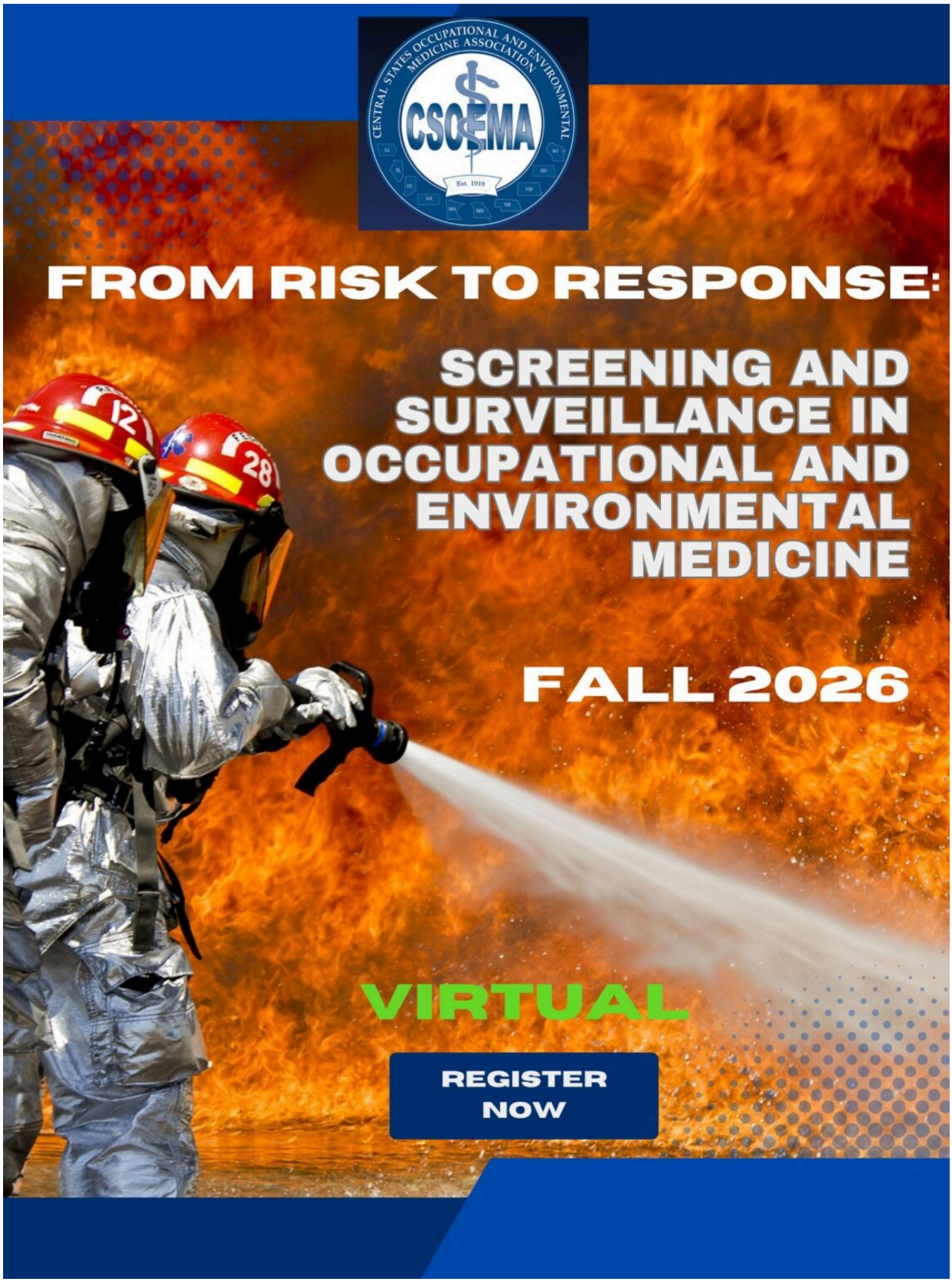
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With training and experience in exposure prevention, hazard mitigation, and systems-based thinking, OEM physicians bring knowledge and skills in developing and executing sustainability initiatives in complex healthcare environments. This article explores how core OEM frameworks and tools can be used to reduce healthcare-related emissions, waste, and resource consumption while also developing strategies to address the effects of climate change on health. OEM specialists can link clinical care and operational strategy, liaising with multidisciplinary stakeholders, and driving culture change related to sustainability. As the healthcare sector faces mounting pressure to reduce its environmental footprint while improving quality and cost-effectiveness, OEM physicians offer expertise to support this evolution.Occupational and environmental medicine (OEM) has always operated where work, science, and policy meet. In the first half of 2026, that intersection has become more dynamic as clinicians confront a set of emerging issues that are not only scientifically important, but immediately relevant to everyday practice. Read the full article here.

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103rd Annual CSOEMA SPRING SEMINAR on March 11-13, 2027

Save the Date for the **103rd Annual CSOEMA Spring Seminar**. We invite you to attend the Spring Seminar **Great Lakes, Great Work: Advancing Occupational and Environmental Medicine** on **March 11-13, 2027, in Madison, WI.** Whether you attend live in-person or virtual online, this year's conference is sure to be a memorable event. Come for professional enrichment, continuing medical education credits, and fellowship with your OccMed colleagues. The Conference Co-Chairs are: **Drs. Margaret Hasek, Jui Haker, Maria Starchook-Moore, and Nick Blonien.**



Is there a particular topic you would like presented at the next CSOEMA Seminar? Do you have a presentation that you would like to share? We are always looking for talented, interesting speakers for our Seminars. Do you or someone you know have a presentation or topic that would interest our membership? Let us know by completing this quick form!

Upcoming Events
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CSOEMA 2026 Fall Virtual Seminar *(Register Here)*	Online	**September 11, 2026**
Chicago Occupational & Environmental Medical Society (COEMS) *(RSVP Here)*	Chicago, IL	**October 10, 2026**
ACOEM 2026 Virtual Fall Summit *(Register Here)*	Online	**November 4-6, 2026**
103rd Annual CSOEMA Spring Seminar *(Register Here)*	Madison, WI	**March 11-13, 2027**

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Central States Regional Meeting
Chicago OEM Society - Fall Assembly
Saturday, October 10, 2026 - 9:00AM - 12:30PM

RSVP Here.



OEM Advocacy Spotlight

Learn more about what ACOEM is doing for YOU and OUR PROFESSION. Check out the following ACOEM websites for more information:

- Advocacy
- Protect OEM
- ACOEM Public Comments
- Agenda for Change
- Federal & State Relations

OEM Clinical Practice Highlights

- *ACOEM (August 1, 2026)*: **Update on Occupational Health Guidance for Pregnant Workers**. An updated evidence review and synthesis highlights the limitations of guidelines for managing potential occupational hazards for workers who are pregnant or nursing, reports the August issue of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. The special review by a team of three Michigan medical students draws attention to the scarce and variable information on the reproductive health risks of occupational exposures.

- ***Public Safety Medicine Course.*** *Get certified and earn CME credit.* This comprehensive course provides physicians and other healthcare providers with practical, evidence-based guidance for the medical evaluation of public safety employees, including law enforcement officers (LEO), firefighters, correctional officers, emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, tactical team members and bomb squad members. Using the ACOEM Guidance for the Medical Evaluation of Public Safety Employees and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1580, the course addresses initial, periodic, and fitness-for-duty (return to work and disability) evaluations across a broad range of medical conditions. Learners will explore cardiovascular, visual, auditory, endocrine, neurologic, pulmonary, musculoskeletal, mental health, infectious disease, pregnancy and medications topics, with a focus on assessing risk of sudden incapacitation and physical and cognitive inability to perform essential job tasks. The course emphasizes real-world application, regulatory compliance, and consistency in medical decision-making for safety-sensitive occupations. Physicians who complete this course will be included in ACOEM's Public Safety Medicine Find a Provider website, identifying them as having completed this course on fitness for duty evaluations for public safety employees. This directory will serve as a resource for public safety chiefs and management seeking evaluation services. Learn more about the Public Safety Medicine Course and see the ACOEM medical guidelines for evaluating Public Safety employees at: https://www.publicsafetymedicine.org/



- ***ACOEM and ACLM Release New Guide to Bring Lifestyle Medicine into the Workplace (06/15/2026).*** The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) and the American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) today announced the release of the **Guide to Bringing Lifestyle Medicine into Workplaces**, a practical, evidence-based resource designed to help organizations build healthier workforces from the ground up. Developed through a collaboration between the two organizations, the guide is intended for employers, benefits leaders, occupational health professionals, and lifestyle medicine clinicians who want to move beyond traditional wellness programs and create durable, systems-level approaches to workforce health.

Read more about this project here.

- ***MDGuidelines***: Did you know? Your ACOEM Membership now includes access to ***MDGuidelines***, the industry-leading online tool for quickly accessing evidence-based disability duration information, and ACOEM Clinical Guidelines. This offer is valid for U.S.-based ACOEM members with active membership. Launch the new MDGuidelines ACOEM Navigator. For more information, click here.

- ***ACOEM | On-Demand Learning:*** Enhance Your Skills and Knowledge and earn continuing medical education. View ACOEM's extensive on-demand learning opportunities in the ACOEM Store. ACOEM is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

OEM Research Rounds

- *ACOEM (July 1, 2026)*: **Exposure to Industrial Pollutants Linked to Breast Cancer Risk.** Exposure to specific air pollutants from nearby industrial sites may be associated with breast cancer risk among women in Los Angeles, reports a study in the July issue of the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Julia E. Heck, PhD, MPH, of the University of North Texas and colleagues analyzed data from 53,313 women enrolled in a long-term study of health risks (the California Multiethnic Cohort) in Los Angeles County. The women varied in terms of racial/ethnic group and socioeconomic status. The researchers used data from the EPA Toxic Release Inventory to estimate exposure to industrial pollutants, based on the participants' home address and distance to industrial release sites. Exposure to 15 common pollutants widely used in industrial products and processes was evaluated for association with breast cancer risk, with adjustment for other cancer risk factors.

  For several pollutants, high levels of exposure were linked to higher breast cancer risk. Implicated chemicals included dichloromethane, tetrachloroethylene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, diethanolamine, and methyl ethyl ketone. The associations varied in strength: for example, for each category (quartile) increase in exposure level, breast cancer risk increased by 17% for dichloromethane, 53% for tetrachloroethylene, and 77% for 1,1,1-trichloroethane.

  Higher exposure to formaldehyde was associated with a 44% increase in the risk of hormone receptor-negative breast cancer, but not other types. That finding suggested that potential causative factors might vary by cancer subtype.

  Some of the implicated pollutants had previously been identified as occupational risk factors for breast cancer. For others, the new study is the first to report an association with breast cancer.

  The new study is the first to focus on exposure to common industrial exposures as possible risk factors for breast cancer. The findings "underscore the need to incorporate environmental exposure assessment into cancer prevention and risk reduction strategies

and support policies to limit emissions from industrial sources to protect community and occupational health," Dr. Heck and coauthors conclude.

Member Highlights



- *ACOEM (August 5, 2026)*: **ACOEM Fellow Dr. Erica Schwartz Confirmed as CDC Director.** The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) congratulates ACOEM Fellow Dr. Erica Schwartz, FACOEM, on her confirmation by the United States Senate as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Senate voted on Wednesday, Aug. 5, to confirm Dr. Schwartz, making her the 22nd director of the Atlanta-based agency, the nation's leading public health institution charged with protecting Americans from preventable health threats.

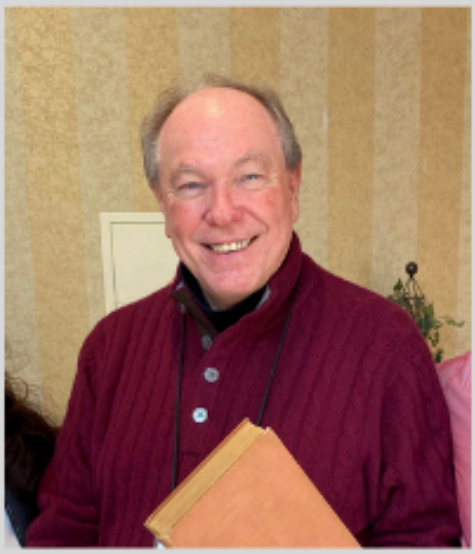
Become an ACOEM Fellow

Demonstrate your dedication and leadership in occupational medicine by becoming a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (FACOEM). The FACOEM designation is ACOEM's highest acknowledgment that recognizes years of dedication to exceptional education, leadership, and commitment to the specialty. Applications for the Class of 2027 are now being accepted! Completed applications and all required documents must be submitted to fellows@acoem.org by November 1, 2026. For more information about the ACOEM Fellowship, click here.

Support the CSOEMA History Project

We invite you to **make a financial contribution to support preserving the history of occupational and environmental medicine.** Your donations will help fund ongoing projects, including completing the Occupational and Environmental Medicine documentary, which aims to capture our legacy and contributions to the OEM field. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, **please contact CSOEMA Executive Director Susan Rittenhouse at susan@csoema.org.** Your support is invaluable to the success of this project and the continued growth of our organization.

Preserving Our History for Future Generations



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Support the CSOEMA History Project

Donate now and help us capture and preserve our rich OEM history and contribute to funding the CSOEMA History Documentary. Contact Susan Rittenhouse, CSOEMA Executive Director, for more information at susan@csoema.org

ACOEM Update

- **Represent CSOEMA as a member of the ACOEM House of Delegates.**
  The House of Delegates is ACOEM's legislative branch, making recommendations to the ACOEM Board of Directors concerning policy matters affecting the College. These policy issues take the form of resolutions. Created in October 1966, the House usually meets twice a year — at the spring American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC) and at ACOEM HQ in the fall. For more information, send an email to susan@csoema.org.

- **OccPod: the official ACOEM podcast**
  OccPod is the official podcast of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. These recordings began with COVID Conversations, a special presentation of the podcast focused on disseminating information about COVID-19. Now, OccPod delves into additional realms of worker health and safety, including our changing climate. OccPod is grounded in science with a focus on occupational and environmental medicine. Listen Now! Find OccPod on your favorite podcast platform, or play directly from the web.



Enterprise Health produces the OccTok podcast to support the ACOEM Ambassador Program. Hosted by Jeff Donnell, each episode features occupational health professionals who share their stories about how they got into OEM, what they like most about the field, and what advice they have for medical professionals who are considering this career path. All episodes can be accessed on Podbean or Apple podcasts.

- **Has your ACOEM membership lapsed?**
  We would love to have you back as a member. ACOEM membership provides

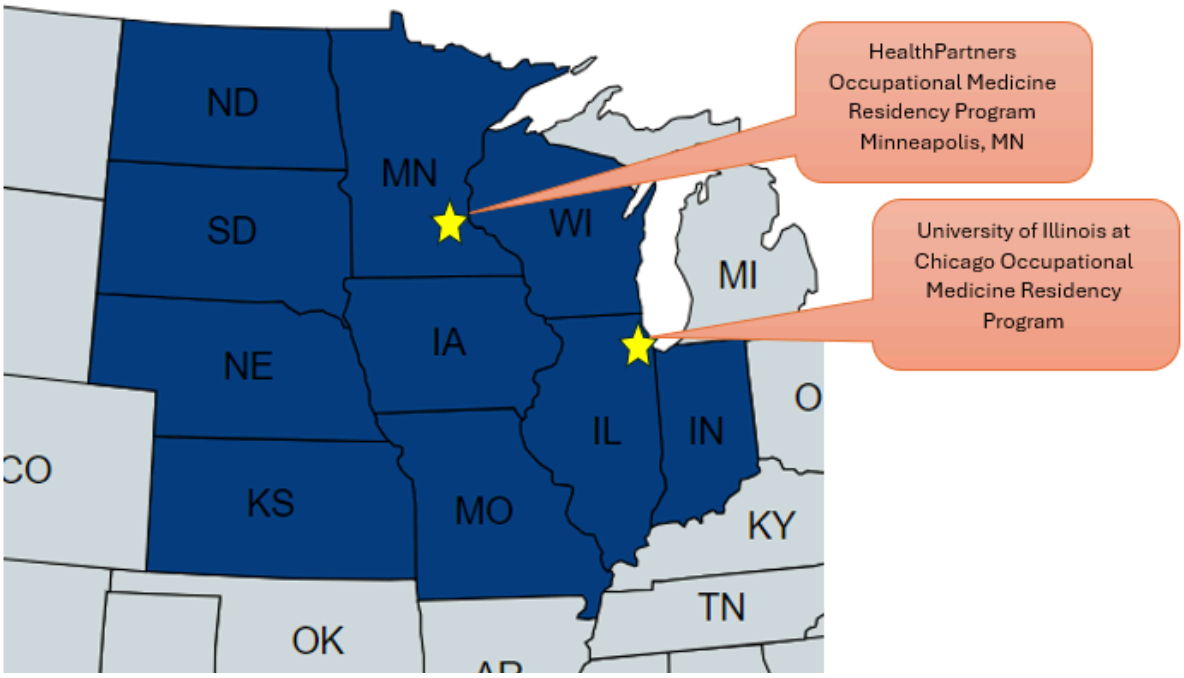
opportunities for physicians and associated healthcare professionals to enhance their careers through education, networking, and leadership. Membership also helps to: 1) Enhance the stature and recognition of the specialty; 2) Strengthen the voice of OEM in health policy debates; 3) Promote new levels of competency in the prevention and treatment of illness, injury, and disability in the work environment and community; 4) Reduce Seminar Registration Rates. Contact **ACOEM's Customer Support Team at 847-818-1800** and ask about a discount to renew.

Nominations Accepted for the CSOEMA Awards

- **The National Leadership Award** is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the specialty and has taken steps to promote the specialty on a national level through research, education, and/or by increasing awareness of the value of the specialty.
- **The Dedicated Service Award**, created in 2005, is given at the Spring Seminar of the Central States Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association. The Dedicated Service Award recognizes a CSOEMA member who has exhibited outstanding service to the Association over a period of many years.
- **The Exemplary Service Award**, created in 2009, is given at the Fall Seminar of the Central States Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association. The Exemplary Service Award recognizes a CSOEMA member who has exhibited outstanding leadership and ability to accomplish a specific initiative or task that has and/or will provide significant benefit to the Association.
- **The Dr. Alice Hamilton Award** was established in 2024 to encourage and celebrate physicians with exemplary contributions to the fields of occupational medicine research, education, clinical occupational medicine, or occupational/environmental toxicology. Look for the inauguration of the Alice Hamilton Award to be given in Spring 2025.

  Recognize a deserving member for a CSOEMA award by following this link HERE.

Residents Corner



The ten states represented by the Central States Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association are home to one Occupational and Environmental Medicine residency program at the **University of Illinois at Chicago** in Chicago, Illinois. This program aims to develop and train preventive medicine physicians in Public Health and Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Please contact the residency program director for more information or visit the website below.

With great sadness, the HealthPartners Occupational Medicine Residency in Minnesota closed due to federal funding issues, specifically stemming from reductions to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) grants. Because most of these training programs rely heavily on federal support, NIOSH budget cuts severely impacted the program's ability to fund accredited positions, forcing its closure.

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Get Engaged!

As our regional component professional organization, CSOEMA operates through the support of members who contribute their time and leadership to make the organization successful. We always seek members to serve as **Conference Co-Chairs, Board of Governors, and other committee members**. In addition to these roles, there are so many more ways to get involved. Check out our new webpage highlighting the numerous opportunities to get further involved here. Your participation lends your voice to the organization and gives back to the field of Occupational Medicine. Interested? Let us know by sending an email to susan@csoema.org.

Support the CSOEMA Foundation

Don't forget to support the CSOEM Foundation by making a charitable donation. The CSOEM Foundation supports CSOEMA by providing resident scholarships and other seminar-related expense support that would otherwise not be available. Donations made are tax-deductible and support the ongoing work of CSOEMA.

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CSOEM Foundation was formed in 2009 to support high quality medical education in field of occupational and environmental medicine.The Foundation will solicit contributions from the public, with a focus on obtaining funds from the members of CSOEMA. The Foundation intends to sponsor educational seminars that will increase the quality of care provided to patients throughout the Midwest. The Foundation will assist CSOEMA in fulfilling its educational mission.

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Are you interested in posting a job listing with CSOEMA?

Job postings will be listed on both the CSOEMA website and the CSOEMA Connection Newsletter and distributed once via email to the CSOEMA membership. Please send an email to: admin@csoema.org

For members or sponsors:

- *One free 60-day advertisement period/year*
- *$150 for each additional 60-day advertisement period*

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