

# NECOEM/MaAOHN 2024 Annual Conference: “Occupational & Environmental Health - Core Principles & Complexities”

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**Phyllis Cicchetti, RN, BSN, COHN-S/CM** serves as a Director on the current MaAOHN Board of Directors. Phyllis is Headquarters Medical Program Analyst at the United States Postal Service. She has over 10 years of experience in occupational health nursing.

**David Cockrum, MD, MPH** is the section Chief and Medical Director of Occupational Medicine at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Assistant Professor of Medicine, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth. He is board certified in Family Medicine and has been board certified in Occupational Medicine for over 17 years. Dr. Cockrum served 20 years in the US Air Force, retiring in 2017 at the rank of colonel.

**David V. Diamond, MD, CSS, FACOEM** has over 40 years' experience as an internist, is the former Chief of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at MIT, and is Board Certified in IM and OEM.

**Donna C. Ferreira, ANP, MS, COHN-S/CM, FAAOHN** is the Director of Clinical Operations and Nurse Practitioner for Premise Health. She has over 35 years of experience in occupational health nursing. She is the President of the Massachusetts Association of Occupational Health Nurses and has served on the Board for over 14 years. She is the recipient of the 2023 Medique Award for nursing leadership and the MaAOHN Lifetime Achievement award.

**Khaula Khatlani, MD, MSc** has dual board certification in Occupational Medicine, and Public Health and General Preventive Medicine. Dr. Khatlani graduated from DOW Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan and completed both her residency (Preventive Medicine) and a clinical fellowship in Occupational and Environmental Medicine at Yale. Previously, Dr. Khatlani was the recipient of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Fogarty Fellowship in Trauma and Injury Prevention and completed epidemiological training at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She became the Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP) Medical Director in 2022, which is a Department of Energy (DOE) funded medical surveillance program for former nuclear industry (DOE) workers. WHPP is administered by the Barry Commoner Center for Health and the Environment at Queens College, City University of New York. Prior to joining WHPP, Dr. Khatlani was the Medical Director of the Occupational Health Clinic at Bristol Health System and has conducted research on injury prevention, intimate partner and workplace violence.

**Kathy Lehan, MSN, RN, COHN-S (Vendor Chair)** is the Director of Occupational Health for Boston Medical Center Health System. She has nearly 20 years of experience as a nurse, nurse case manager and director specifically for occupational health services.

**Christine Pontus, NP** is an Occupational Health Nurse with over 35 years of working face-to-face with workers and consulting to businesses as a risk manager. She is an ANCC nurse planner who has been developing education programs for nurses and other healthcare professionals for over 20 years as well as a contributing author for public health textbooks and other publications related to Occupational Health and worker exposure issues and concerns.

**Kenji Saito, MD, JD, FACOEM** is a dual physician and attorney, sushi chef, entrepreneur and innovator with Senior Medical Director corporate experience, President of ACOEM, Past-President of NECOEM and teaches at Dartmouth, Harvard and UPenn.

**Romero Santiago, MD, MPH** is double-boarded in Occupational & Environmental Medicine (OEM) as well as Family & Community Medicine (FCM), having trained at Yale for OEM fellowship and UC Davis for FCM residency. Dr. Santiago currently practices as an attending physician at Carle Health (Champaign-Urbana, Illinois) in their Department of Occupational and Environmental Medicine & Employee Health, and serves as an Assistant Clinical Professor for the Carle Illinois College of Medicine.

**Rebecca Scholl, PA-C** has been practicing Occupational Medicine in Vermont for 16 years. She currently works for Central Vermont Medical Center managing occupational injuries for hospital employees and well as the Central Vermont community.

**Austin Sumner, MD, MPH (Conference Chair)** is trained in internal medicine and occupational medicine. Dr. Sumner has been practicing occupational medicine for the last 20 years and has specialized in functional restoration for the last 10 years. Dr. Sumner frequently manages complex occupational injury patients including post-surgical, multi-trauma, and complex regional pain syndrome cases

**Peg Tayler, BSN, RN, COHN-S/CM-ret, FAAOHN** is the Associate Director Health & Safety for the Massachusetts Nurses Association. She has over 47 years practicing nursing in many areas, medical-surgical, psychiatry, case management, quality assurance, education, and occupational health. She is now retired, where she last worked as local manager in a Bio-Tech company. Peg is also the past President of MaAOHN.

**Susan Upham, MD, MPH, FACOEM** was originally trained and board certified in family medicine. After several years practice as an FP, she returned to training and completed the UMMS OEM fellowship. She has been solely practicing OEM since 1993. She is the owner of Bayside Employee Health Center, the only woman physician owned, private OEM practice in Maine, where she has worked since 1999. She currently serves as the NECOEM newsletter editor, has published multiple articles and currently serves as the President of NECOEM.

**Michela Capobianco, MBA** is NECOEM's Executive Director.