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# Workers in the U.S. and Worldwide: “An Endangered Species?” *and* Updates in Occupational and Environmental Medicine

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# March 5 - 6, 2026

*Photo: Coit Tower New Deal Era Murals from 1934 by Bennett Hall*

**San Francisco Marriott Fisherman's Wharf  
1250 Columbus Ave, San Francisco, CA 94133**

# Join the Division of Occupational, Environmental and Climate Medicine at UCSF on March 5 - 6, 2026 to protect workers, strengthen collaboration, and advance resilience in the face of a changing policy landscape.

## Thursday, March 5, 2026

Explore emerging and persistent challenges in occupational and environmental medicine, with direct implications for patient care and workplace health advocacy. Topics include the current assault on occupational and environmental protection, the re-emergence of silica-related disease, analysis of fatal workplace incidents in California, and the current state and future of graduate education in the field. The day concludes with a panel discussion.

## Friday, March 6, 2026

Advance your clinical practice and scientific knowledge with key updates in occupational and environmental medicine. Topics include multiple chemical sensitivity, metal and nanoparticle exposure, and the integration of complementary medicine approaches in occupational health care. The day ends with an interactive poster discussion. See the [conference website](#) for poster abstract submission details.

### At the completion of this activity, the learner will be able to:

- Analyze the scope of their role in integrating occupational and environmental health factors into clinical practice.
- Integrate current medical knowledge regarding established and emerging occupational and environmental risk factors into preventive health strategies.
- Recognize historical patterns of occupational and environmental illness and injury, and identify emergent presentations.
- Critically appraise scientific data related to the influence of occupational and environmental factors on various disease processes.
- Formulate comprehensive differential diagnoses that incorporate a broad spectrum of environmental and occupational etiologies for various disease processes.
- Apply state-of-the-art updates to inform the prioritization of clinical care, research, and public health policy.
- Implement appropriate regulatory management strategies for specific work-related scenarios.

## Accreditation:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the California Medical Association (CMA) through the joint providership of The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health and the Division of Occupational, Environmental and Climate Medicine at the University of California San Francisco. The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health is accredited by the CMA to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health designates this live activity for a maximum of **16.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Geriatric Medicine:** The credits shown above include **2.0** geriatric credits toward meeting the requirement under California Assembly Bill 1820, Geriatric Medicine.

**Nurses:** Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number 12983, for 16.0 contact hours.

**Physician Assistants:** Activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* [are accepted](#) for NCCPA certification maintenance and state license renewal purposes.

**Qualified Medical Evaluators:** Accredited by the Administrative Director of the California Division of Workers' Compensation for Qualified Medical Evaluator continuing education. Physicians may report up to 16.0 hours of credit for QME reappointment.



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# Workers in the U.S. and Worldwide: “An Endangered Species?”

Thursday, March 5, 2025 | 7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

<b>7:00 AM</b>	<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>	
<b>7:45 AM</b>	Introduction to Workers in the U.S. and Worldwide: “An Endangered Species?”	<i>Course Leaders</i>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Keynote – Troubled Times: Navigating Setbacks in U.S. Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Protections	<i>John R. Balmes, MD</i>
<b>8:50 AM</b>	Silica – What’s Old is New Again	<i>Kristin J. Cummings, MD, MPH</i>
<b>9:40 AM</b>	<i>Break</i>	
<b>10:10 AM</b>	Death On the Job – A Post-Mortem on Hundreds of California Work Fatalities	<i>Robert Harrison, MD, MPH</i>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Graduate Education in Occupational and Environmental Health – Where We Have Been, Where We Are, and Where We Might Be Going	<i>Max Blumberg, MD, MPH</i>
<b>11:50 AM</b>	<i>Lunch Break On Your Own</i>	
<b>1:10 PM</b>	Keynote – Ergonomics Now: The Best of Times, The Worst of Times – From the Home Office to the Slaughterhouse	<i>Carisa Harris, PhD, CPE</i>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	Why Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Still Matter in Occupational and Environmental Health (G)	<i>Rupali Das, MD, MPH</i>
<b>2:50 PM</b>	Lived Experience: What Qualitative Study Teaches Us About Occupational Safety and Health	<i>Sandra Domeracki, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, COHN-S, FAAOHN</i>
<b>3:40 PM</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Respiratory Infection and Work-Related Exposure to Dust and Fume	<i>Robert Cohen, MD</i>
<b>4:50 PM</b>	Understanding Employment Today – What We Have Learned from the California Labor Laboratory and the Society for Total Worker Health (G)	<i>Edward Yelin, PhD and Cristina Banks, PhD</i>
<b>5:40 PM</b>	Occupational Safety and Health – How Do We Get There from Here? Panel Discussion moderated by Robert Harrison, MD, MPH	<i>Carisa Harris, PhD, CPE; Robert Cohen, MD; Sandra Domeracki, RN, FNP-BC, FAAOHN; and Gina Solomon, MD, MPH</i>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<i>Adjourn</i>	

(G) • Geriatric Credit

## Audience:

This course is designed to provide the experienced clinician with a review of the epidemiology and the evaluation of occupational and environmental diseases and injuries. The curriculum will also include a substantial component focused on issues specifically pertinent to occupationally and environmentally related disease. Most attendees will be occupational physicians and nurses, but some are specialists in related fields who may benefit from in-depth presentation of occupational and environmental medicine topics. Although targeted for physicians, occupational and environmental health professionals including policymakers and medical-legal practitioners may also benefit from the curriculum offered.

# Updates in Occupational and Environmental Medicine

Friday, March 6, 2025 | 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM

<b>7:00 AM</b>	<i>Registration and Continental Breakfast</i>	
<b>7:45 AM</b>	Introduction to Updates in Occupational and Environmental Medicine	<i>Course Leaders</i>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	An Update on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity	<i>Gina Solomon, MD, MPH</i>
<b>8:50 AM</b>	Metal and Other Nanoparticle Health Risks – Is There a There There?	<i>Timur Durrani, MD, MPH, MBA</i>
<b>9:40 AM</b>	<i>Break</i>	
<b>10:10 AM</b>	Benefits and Challenges of Applying Integrative Medicine Approaches to Occupational and Environmental Health Issues	<i>Rahmat Balogun, DO, MS, MPH</i>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Occupational Exposures Among Active Duty Military and Veterans – What Is the Big Picture?	<i>Reza Hosseini, MD, MPH</i>
<b>11:50 PM</b>	<i>Lunch Break On Your Own</i>	
<b>1:10 PM</b>	Wildland Fires, Heat, and Climate Change – A Trifecta of Threat for Working People	<i>Margaret Murray, MD, MS, MPH</i>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	The Links Between Ocean Health and Worker Health	<i>Matthew Gribble, PhD, DABT</i>
<b>2:50 PM</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
<b>3:10 PM</b>	Occupational and Environmental Published Research: The Year in Review	<i>Sam Goldman, MD, MPH</i>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Poster Viewing and Discussion Session	Session Leader: <i>Sheiphali Gandhi, MD, MPH, CTropMed®</i>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	Adjourn	

## Register Today!

*Current graduate trainees should inquire regarding special registration options.*

### *Registration Cancellation Policy*

Written cancellation notification (via email or fax) must be received no later than one week before the start date of the class in which you are registered, in order to qualify for a refund, less a \$35.00 administrative fee. Substitute attendees are welcome. See [na.eventscloud.com/26oecm](http://na.eventscloud.com/26oecm) for transfer and class cancellation policies.

	Early Bird	After 1/23/26
<b>Full Course Registration</b>		
Physicians:	\$675	\$725
Allied Health Professionals:	\$500	\$540
Residents/Fellows/Trainees:	\$250	\$300

### *Single Day Registration*

Physicians:	\$400	\$450
Allied Health Professionals:	\$300	\$350
Residents/Fellows/Trainees:	\$175	\$225



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# Conference Location

A block of guestrooms has been reserved at the special UCSF conference rate of **\$159/night**. You are urged to make your reservations early. The cut-off date is **2/5/26**, or until the group room block is filled. After this date, rooms will be provided on a space-availability basis only.

To make hotel reservations online, [click here to access the group rate](#). If you prefer to telephone in your reservation, call reservations at (800) 228-9290 or (415) 775-7555. Please identify yourself as a member of this UCSF conference to receive the special rate.

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