INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURAL MEDICINE: Advancing Occupational and Environmental Health Practice in the Northwest  

On Demand eLearning Course

REGISTRATION
Registration for this course is complimentary.
To register, please visit the eLearning page of our website, osha.washington.edu, or call us at 206-543-1069.

Please Note: Due to system limitations, participants must have a Google Gmail account or University of Washington NET ID to enroll in this course.

INFORMATION
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A complimentary, collaborative eLearning opportunity for all primary care providers in rural clinical practices.

This course will contribute to a foundation in occupational and environmental medicine (OEM) for providers and will improve their ability to recognize, diagnose, treat, and prevent work-related injuries and illnesses, and to provide best available patient education. In addition, the course will present clinicians with pertinent information about environmental and occupational exposures unique to agricultural communities in the Pacific Northwest including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska.

An overview of the regional agricultural activities, including farming, fishing and forestry, will be presented. Current and emerging agricultural health hazards will be discussed, and regional and national resources offered to improve clinical practice and patient education. Best practice suggestions from UW and University of California faculty on the OEM patient history will be presented, and how to tailor the history and the physical exam to patients from the agricultural community. A comprehensive overview of the workers’ compensation system will help providers navigate an important tool for their patients, with state-by-state resources for further assistance.

This program is being offered in a multi-media eLearning on demand format to respond to the needs of busy clinicians.

INTENDED AUDIENCE
Primary care physicians, pediatricians, physician assistants, mid-level providers, family practice physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, farm worker health clinicians, rural health care professionals, employee health directors, and public health educators.
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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN
• Ways to improve patient—and community-centered care that will identify, respect, and care about patients’ and communities’ differences, values, preferences, and expressed needs, and advance health practice in agricultural communities.
• Agricultural activities important to the Pacific Northwest region and related occupational hazards.
• Important questions that are part of an occupational health history.
• Clinical findings on a physical exam related to agriculture work.
• Resources for more information on determining work-relatedness of an injury or illness and how to file and follow a workers’ compensation plan.

COURSE OVERVIEW
The course is being offered as web on-demand, and will be available for registration from February 1–August 1, 2017. The entire course takes approximately 3.5 hours to complete, though it does not need to be completed in one sitting.

Module 1: Overview of Agricultural Medicine
Lesson 1: Introduction to Agriculture in the Pacific NW
Lesson 2: Agricultural Medicine
Lesson 3: Demographics of Pacific NW Farmworkers/Cultural Competency

Module 2: The Patient Visit
Lesson 1: The Health History
Lesson 2: Agricultural Health History
Lesson 3: The Physical Exam—The Farmworker from Head to Toe
Lesson 4: An Introduction to Workers’ Compensation in our Region

Module 3: Course Conclusion and CDC Continuing Education Instructions
Clinicians’ Toolbox: resources for your practice and patient education

FEATURED SPEAKER
Richard Fenske, PhD, MPH
Professor, Dept of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
Director, Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (PNASH), University of Washington School of Public Health

Dr. Fenske’s work has focused on the evaluation of environmental health risks in special populations, such as children, farm workers, and farm producers. Specialty areas include health risks of pesticide exposures, development of new exposure assessment methods, and investigation of the role of skin exposure for workers and children. His teaching activities include exposure assessment, environmental risk, and public health policy related to pesticides.

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ACCREDITATION
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