

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.

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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, FACP
Eric Shuping, MD, MPH, FAFP, FACP
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, FACP, FCOEM
Jeffrey Levin, MD, MSPH, DrPH, FACP, FCOEM, 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, FACP, FCOEM, 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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