



Preventing Silicosis

**An ancient disease in modern times:
Silicosis caused by artificial stone in the
United States**

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The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at UCLA acknowledges our presence on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Gabrielina/Tongva peoples.

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- COEH faculty:
 - sustain academic programs and
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Silicosis: Past and Present

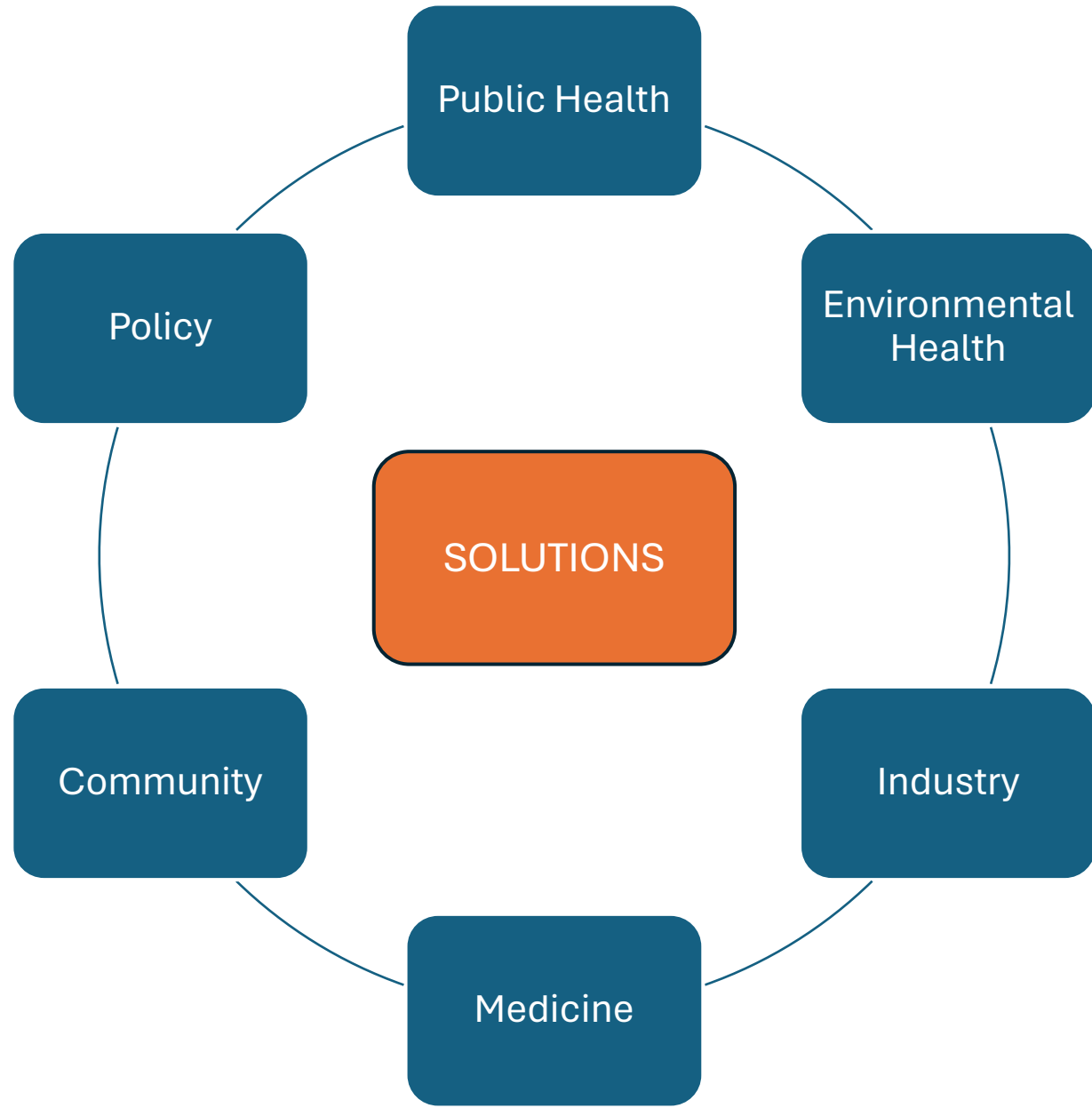


Leobardo Segura Meza, 27, of Pacoima suffers from silicosis.

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-09-24/silicosis-countertop-workers-engineered-stone>

<http://troytaylorbooks.blogspot.com/2014/05/town-of-living-dead.html>





Key Questions

1. What factors are driving the current epidemic of silicosis among artificial stone workers?
2. What are the needs of affected workers, employers, and silicosis patients?
3. What research gaps exist?
4. What interventions are available to protect workers and prevent new silicosis cases?



Conference Outputs

1. Robust discussion and exchange of ideas
2. New relationships
3. Conference report
 - Summary of presentations and break out sessions
 - Inventory of strategies to address these challenges
 - Discussion of strategy strengths and weaknesses

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