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

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7:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

8:30 a.m. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
Rachael Jones, PhD, CIH
Director, UCLA Center for Occupational and Environmental Health and Southern California NIOSH Education and Research Center

Jane Fazio, MD
Clinical Instructor, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at UCLA

8:45 a.m. SILICOSIS FROM ENGINEERED STONE:
BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM
Moderator: Robert Harrison, MD, MPH
Public Health Medical Officer, Occupational Health Branch, California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

- **Public health surveillance:**
  Kristin Cummings, MD, MPH
  Chief, Occupational Health Branch, CDPH

- **Fabricator perspective:**
  Nate Kolenski
  President, Block Tops, Inc.

- **Physician and patient perspective:**
  Jane Fazio, MD

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:20 a.m. ISSUES IN SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND WORKPLACE CONTROLS
Moderator: Ximena Vergara, PhD, MPH
Chief, Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS), Occupational Health Branch, CDPH

- **Medical screening, diagnosis, and treatment:**
  Sheiphali Gandhi, MD, MPH
  Assistant Professor of Medicine; Occupational, Environmental, and Climate Medicine; and Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, UCSF

- **Exposure and control technologies:**
  Jenny Houlroyd, DrPH, CIH
  Occupational Health Group Manager, Safety, Health, Environmental Services (SHES) at Georgia Tech
11:45 a.m. **LUNCH AND FACILITATED BREAKOUTS**
Covell Commons Grand Horizon Rooms

**Breakout A: Screening, diagnosis, and treatment**
Facilitator: Robert Harrison, MD, MPH

**Breakout B: Implementing silica dust controls and other measures: successes, challenges, and barriers**
Facilitator: David Harrington, MPH
Cal/OSHA Consultation Service (retired)

**Breakout C: Outreach, training, and support resources**
Facilitator: Kevin Riley, PhD, MPH
Director, UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program

Lisa Patrick-Mudd, MPH
Program Manager, Public Health Councils Program, LACDPH

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1:30 p.m. **BREAKOUT REPORTS**

1:45 p.m. **KEYNOTE: PERSPECTIVES AND LESSONS FROM AUSTRALIA**
Dr. Ryan Hoy, MBBS, FRACP
Respiratory and Sleep Disorders Physician, Senior Research Fellow, Monash Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health, School of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University

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2:45 p.m. **BREAK**

3:00 p.m. **SOLUTIONS FOR CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND**
Moderator: Rachael Jones, PhD

- **Role of local public health departments:**
  Nichole Quick, MD, MPH
  Deputy Director for Health Protection Bureau, LACDPH

- **Cal/OSHA’s emergency rulemaking:**
  Michael Wilson, PhD, MPH, CIH
  Senior Safety Engineer, Research and Standards, Cal/OSHA

- **Role of occupational medicine in solutions:**
  Robert Blink, MD, MPH
  Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Worksite Partners Medical Group, Inc.

- **Workforce development:**
  Jeremy Smith
  Deputy Legislative Director, State Building Construction Trades Council

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4:45 p.m. **SYNTHESIS OF DAY AND NEXT STEPS**
Rachael Jones, PhD, and Jane Fazio, MD

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5:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**

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