

# PREVENTING SILICOSIS

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

## UCLA

Northwest Campus Auditorium | 350 De Neve Drive | Los Angeles, CA 90024

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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
- **Physician and patient perspective:**  
Jane Fazio, MD
- **Fabricator perspective:**  
Nate Kolenski  
President, Block Tops, Inc.  
  
Jim Hieb  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Natural Stone Institute

### 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:**  
Shephali 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**

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**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**

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**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 manufacturers in solutions:**  
Jim Hieb
- **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**