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Serious Scents—Obliterative Bronchiolitis in Workers Exposed to Microwave Popcorn, Flavorings, Coffee, and Boats

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Workers in certain industries have developed a rare lung disease called obliterative bronchiolitis, a severe and irreversible lung disease often characterized by difficulty breathing and non-productive cough. The majority of cases have little or no response to medical treatment, and can require lung transplant or result in premature death.

Obliterative bronchiolitis has been linked to several chemicals including diacetyl, 2,3-pentanedione, and styrene. Cases have been detected among employees in microwave popcorn plants, flavoring plants, coffee processing facilities, and shipbuilding and repair operations. There is also reason to suspect that related flavoring agents used in “vaping” products may have similar effects on product users and producers.

Join us on February 8, 2017, when Dr. Nett will discuss the current research and best practices associated with this emerging occupational health concern.

Speaker Bio
Randall Nett, MD, MPH is a Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine physician and epidemiologist who conducts field epidemiologic studies and research concerning occupational lung diseases. Dr. Nett practiced clinical medicine in the United States Air Force before joining the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2007 as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer.

Dr. Nett joined the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in 2015 as a medical officer. Since 2015, he has investigated occupational lung diseases in multiple industrial settings, including healthcare, coffee, metal machining, office buildings, and boatbuilding. Dr. Nett’s research interests include obliterative bronchiolitis, asthma, novel occupational lung diseases, and mental wellness among veterinarians.
Intended Audience
Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurses, and other health care professionals involved in treating patients with multiple or complex medical conditions in occupational and medicine.

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Controlling Hepatitis C in the Workplace: Diagnosis, Staging and Treatment
John D. Scott, MD, MSc
Associate Professor of Medicine, Medical Director, UW Telehealth, Associate Director, Hepatitis and Liver Clinic Harborview Medical Center

April 12, 2017
Mindfulness as a Clinical Tool
Janice Sack-Ory, MSN
Cascadia Mindfulness Institute

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