

What is AOEC?

- ❑ The Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC) is a multi-disciplinary organization of occupational and environmental health (OEH) clinics and professionals.
- ❑ AOEC was established to further the expansion and development of clinical OEH practice, research, and education with a worker focused, public health approach.

AOEC Ethical Principles

- ❑ Obligation to a safe and healthy workplace
- ❑ Obligation to professional competence
- ❑ Obligation to advise and report
- ❑ Avoidance of conflict of interest
- ❑ Avoidance of discrimination
- ❑ Obligation to maintain ethical standards
- ❑ Obligation to maintain patient confidentiality

Patient Bill of Rights

- ❑ 1. Explain your health condition and the results of all tests and procedures done under our direction.
- ❑ 2. Identify risks to your health from work and the environment and ways you can prevent future health problems.
- ❑ 3. Inform you about your rights to workplace health and safety, assist you in getting a workplace inspection if needed, and help you improve your workplace health and safety.
- ❑ 4. Maintain your records in strict confidence, not releasing them to anyone outside this clinic without your expressed written permission, unless required to do so by law. (For instance, if you file a worker's compensation, health insurance, or legal claim we may be required to release your records.)

Clinic Criteria

- ❑ 1. Physicians must tell patients when their conditions are work or environmentally related and, routinely, must provide all patients with information about the health hazards of their work and environment as well as the appropriate ways to limit exposure to such hazards.
- ❑ 2. The clinic must be willing to provide patients with the results of their evaluations unless medically contraindicated. Furthermore, clinics must routinely inform patients of their right to request and receive copies of all medical test results and other information in the medical record. Clinics must routinely inform their patients of their right to receive copies of all clinic-generated correspondence regarding said patient, unless medically contraindicated.

Ethics

- ❑ Occupational Health is an inherently conflict ridden situation
- ❑ Do you work for the employer or the employee?
- ❑ Who backs you up if you make a decision that isn't agreed upon?
- ❑ AOEC adopted the Code of Ethics of the *International Commission on Occupational Health*