



Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 9 am – 3 pm

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, VA

This conference is designed to provide physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other health care providers, as well as coal miners and their caregivers, with the opportunity to learn about and discuss advances in the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of miners.

Target Audience: Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, Miners, and Caregivers

At the completion of this program, participants will be able to:

1. Recognize signs and symptoms of and determine treatment options for black lung disease.
2. Identify and address mental health concerns of coal miners and their families.
3. Understand how and why the NIOSH coal miner health surveillance program operates – and assist in enrollment.
4. Understand eligibility criteria for state black lung benefit programs and guide coal miners in identifying when and how to apply
5. Be aware of various mining laws and regulations and how they've evolved over time and explain potential changes

Registration

Register here: www.cmevillage.com. Registration will close at midnight on Friday, September 12. After this date, we cannot offer walk-in registration. Course slides will be available online only the week of the conference until 30 days after the conference.

Registration is free!

Accreditation and Designation Statement

In support of improving patient care, UVA Health Continuing Education is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for

Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Physicians

UVA Health Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of **5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.TM** Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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Hours of Participation

UVA Health Continuing Education awards **5 hours of participation** (consistent with the designated number of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM* or ANCC contact hours) to a participant who successfully completes this educational activity. UVA Health Continuing Education maintains a record of participation for six (6) years.

Planning Committee:

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Agenda

9-9:20: Welcome, Update from SMHS (Drew Harris / Brad Johnson)

9:20-10:10 NIOSH: CWHSP and part 90 panel moderated by Drew Harris

Noemi Hall and Scott Laney (NIOSH Epidemiologists) Sam Petsonk (Attorney)

10:10-11 Mental Health In Appalachia (Larry Merkel MD, Professor of Psychiatry, UVA)

11 – 11:15 BREAK

11:15-12 Lessons from the Mines: Misconceptions, Missed Opportunities, and Suggestions for Improvement. (Aysha Bodenhamer PhD, Radford University)

12-12:50 Central Appalachia, Coal Miner Health, and Current Affairs (Kate Morgan, New York Times)

12:50--1:20 Boxed Lunch and Screening of Coal Miner Caregiving by Appalachian PBS Virginia and PBS East Tennessee

1:20-2:10: Evolution of Coal Mining Law and Its Impact on Safety (Brian McKnight PhD, Professor of History UVA Wise)

2:10-3P: VA and State black lung benefits (Heith Reynolds, Esq and Mingkwan Emme Collins, Esq)