

## Occupational Skin Health Surveillance & Management

A practical full day course on skin health surveillance and skin management

This interactive course is aimed at health and safety professionals and occupational health professionals responsible for reducing skin related ill health in the workplace, and those needing a wider knowledge base of skin in the workplace for skin health surveillance and management. This course is for people who want to ensure they take action that reduces not increases damage to health from skin exposure.

## **Learning Outcomes**

- \* Reasons and benefits of good skin management and skin health surveillance
- ★ Working knowledge of skin and occupational skin disease
- ★ An overview of occupational skin management
- ★ How to set up a skin management system incorporating a skin health surveillance system
- ★ Methods available for monitoring the effects of skin exposure
- \* Working knowledge of the main skin health surveillance techniques
- ★ Where to start investigating skin problems
- \* Basic knowledge of risk assessment
- ★ Basic knowledge of engineering control measures for skin exposure
- ★ Basic knowledge of PPE for control of skin exposure
- ★ The use of skin care for preventing ill health due to skin exposure
- \* How to get further assistance

## The Course

A recent HSE study into the prevalence of skin disease among printers in the midlands revealed that 35% of printers reporting no skin problem did in fact have an identifiable skin problem. This highlighted the level of underreporting of skin problems and the need for skin health surveillance.

Identifying the problem is half of the story. We need to know how to change the working environment and work practices to make them intrinsically safer and prevent problems.

The skin health surveillance and management course covers subjects such as skin and skin disease, the legal aspects of skin in the workplace, what an effective skin management system requires, skin health surveillance, risk assessment and risk management. We aim to provide participants with a good basis from which to develop and effective skin management and skin health surveillance system to minimise the cost of occupational ill health due to skin exposure.

The course is interactive with plenty of opportunities to ask questions, raise concerns and discuss issues in addition to the practical break out sessions giving delegates hands on experience.

## Course content

- \* Skin & skin disease Skin physiology, Functions of the skin, and Occupational skin disease (Irritant contact dermatitis, Allergic contact dermatitis, Contact urticaria)
- \* Legal aspects of skin in the workplace An overview of the legal responsibilities concerning: risk assessment, risk management and health surveillance for skin.
- ★ Overview of occupational skin management
- ★ Monitoring effects of skin exposure The use, along with the benefits and disadvantages, of techniques used to monitor the effects of exposure to workplace skin hazards.
- ★ Using skin health assessment Using skin health assessment to benefit the workplace
- ★ Questionnaires
- ★ Visual assessment Techniques for visual assessment, with a practical session
- \* Skin condition measurement Using skin condition measurement, with a practical session
- ★ Investigating and managing problems Deciding what the problem is and the role of risk assessment in this. Keeping our worker working using engineering controls, PPE and skin care
- \* Setting up a system
- ★ Further assistance
- ★ Summary & Close

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