



# OCCUPATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH NURSING (OEHN)

# Scope

- Assessment and Surveillance
- Health Promotion, Protection and Prevention
- Primary Care
- Counseling
- Case Management
- Admin and Management
- Legal/Ethical Monitoring
- Research
- Community Orientation



(Bonnie Rogers "Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing" 2003, page 57)

# Common OEHN Activities: Assessment and Surveillance

## Hazard Controls

- Elimination/Substitution
- Isolation
- Engineering
- Work Practice
- Administration
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



# Common OEHN Activities: Clinician

- Monitoring
  - Hearing
  - Blood pressure
  - Cholesterol
  - Vision
  - Spirometry
  - PPE
  - Records



# Common OEHN Activities: Consultant

- Pre-placement Examination
- Assessment of workers and environment
- Evaluation and Interpretation of worker and work environment
- Exposure assessment
- Lab tests



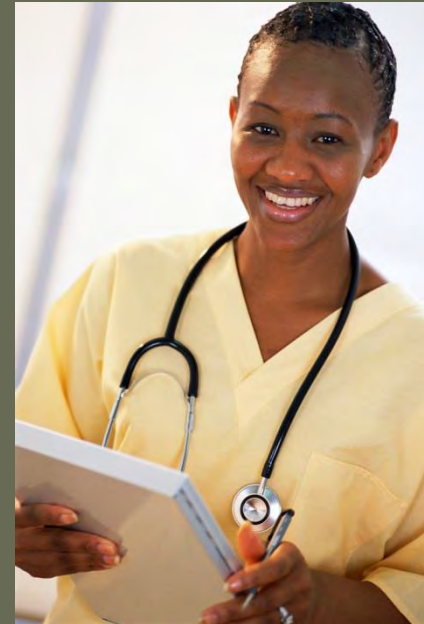
# Common OEHN Activities: Case Management

- Case Management
  - Injury → Return to Work
- Workers' Compensation
  - Wage replacement benefits
  - Medical treatment
  - Vocational rehabilitation



# Common OEHN Activities: Health Promotion

- Education
- Health Promotion
- Disease Prevention
- Program Development
- Counseling
  - Health Risks
  - Safety
- CPR and First Aid Training



# Common OEHN Activities: Researcher

- Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Prevention
- Workplace Violence
- Toxicology
- Epidemiology
- Injury Prevention





# Common OEHN Activities: Manager

- Emergency Response
  - Team Member
  - Responder
  - Coordinator



# Certification

- The American Board for Occupational Health Nurses (ABOHN)
  - Certified Occupational Health Nurse (COHN)
  - Certified Occupational Health Nurse – Specialist (COHN-S)
  - Case Management
  - Safety Management



# Worldwide Service

- ◉ Collaboration with colleagues in other countries
- ◉ Employment opportunities with international and multinational companies
- ◉ Opportunities with US Federal Service (military, civil service, etc.)

