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Occupational news

A Welcome Addition to the MEDI Team

MEDI is excited and honored to introduce the newest member of our team, Dr. Amy Johnson, AuD, CCC-A, CPS/A. Dr. Johnson is MEDI's newest CAOHC Course Director. She has worked exclusively in the field of hearing loss prevention for the past 21 years and is the owner of Listen Audiology Services, Inc. located in Washington state. Listen provides hearing conservation services for over 300 state and private-owned industrial companies. Services include mobile hearing testing, industrial noise surveys, professional consulting and audiology supervision, and educational training.

Dr. Johnson received her Doctorate of Audiology from the University of Florida. She is the past President of the WA Society of Audiology, a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology, a certified member of the American Speech Language Hearing Association, a member of the National Hearing Conservation Association, and a certified Professional Supervisor by CAOHC.

Outside of work, Dr. Johnson enjoys spending time with her husband of 26 years and their 4 boys, hiking, baking, and traveling.

Welcome Dr. Amy Johnson!

KN95 & SURGICAL MASKS

VRAY UV-C SANITIZER

ANTIBACTERIAL WIPES

CHECK OUT OUR SUPPLIES FOR SAFER TESTING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

EAR CUSHION SANITARY COVERS

VIRAL FILTERS FOR SPIROMETRY

VIRAL FILTERS FOR BAT TESTING

UPCOMING COURSES

Hearing Conservation Course (2.5 days)

January 26-28, 2022

May 4-6, 2022

Hampton Inn & Suites, Vacaville, CA

Hearing Conservation Recertification (1 day)

January 27, 2022

May 5, 2022

Hampton Inn & Suites, Vacaville, CA

Spirometry Course (2 days)

February 7-8, 2022

May 2-3, 2022

Hampton Inn & Suites, Vacaville, CA

Spirometry Recertification Course (2 days)

February 7-8, 2022

May 2-3, 2022

Hampton Inn & Suites, Vacaville, CA

Breath Alcohol Technician Course - CMI 400 (1 day)

January 19, 2022

DISA, Inc., Benicia, CA

Breath Alcohol Train-the-Trainer Course - CMI 400 (1.5 days)

January 19-20, 2022

DISA, Inc., Benicia, CA

To register, please call our office at 707-746-6334 or visit our website at www.medi6334.com

Schedule Subject to Change

HURRY! RESERVE YOUR SPOT IN OUR NEXT BREATH ALCOHOL TECHNICIAN COURSE!

MEDI offers a course of instruction in breath alcohol technician (BAT) training for those interested in becoming certified as a Breath Alcohol Technician or in Train-the-Trainer Certification. The course offered follows guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Drug Policy and Compliance in their publication, **Breath Alcohol Technician Training: DOT Model Course**. Training is completed in a single full day and **FREE LUNCH IS PROVIDED FOR ALL BAT COURSE PARTICIPANTS! ASK US ABOUT OUR NEW ONLINE TRAINING OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE!**



Unable to attend a scheduled course? Interested in a private course?

If your schedule prevents you from attending one of our scheduled courses, contact us and we'll place you on our waitlist. When six or more participants are on the list, a new course date will be scheduled and you'll be contacted. MEDI also offers private courses to be held at your own facility, as well as select online options. Please call our office for more information.

ACOEM Guidance Updated August 2021

BY: KENDRA PALMER ANDERSON

I am sure many of you are starting to move forward with your Respirator Clearance Programs at your clinics so I wanted to make sure you all had the latest "guidance" on how to move forward as safely as possible. Up until recently, OSHA has relaxed its enforcement of the spirometry test for respirator certification, but it has since rescinded this. Though the pandemic still persists, ACOEM has updated it's guidance from their last recommendation of postponing spirometry. ACOEM put out a guidance statement in August of 2021 which they realize will change due to the rapidly evolving understanding of how SARS-CoV-2 can be best controlled.

Some of the key elements of this guidance are:

- ◆ Understanding the Risk Assessment based upon assessing the risk and the need for the test
- ◆ Protective Measures
- ◆ Patient Evaluation and Deferral of testing based on different considerations
- ◆ How to best assess a patient before testing
- ◆ Clinical Facility set up – ventilation, monitoring of test area, filtration systems, airflow patterns, ultraviolet germicidal irradiation etc.
- ◆ Test room location in your clinics – dedicated rooms, alternative test spaces, outdoor testing, etc
- ◆ Test Procedures – social distancing of patient and technician throughout test, cleaning and disinfecting of room between patients, use of BVF filters, technician certification, written protection (SOP) for programs, etc.

Please look up the ACOEM Guidance: August 2021 – "Occupational Spirometry and Fit Testing in the COVID – 19 ERS, 2021 Interim Recommendations" for a complete look at how to move your clinic forward safely during this pandemic.

Palmer Associates 2022 Course Schedule

February

7-8 - Vacaville, CA

March

29-30 - Anaheim, CA

April

7-8 - Phoenix, AZ

12-13 - Portland, OR

May

2-3 - Vacaville, CA

17-18 - Denver, CO

June

8-9 - San Diego, CA

21-22 - Tukwila, WA

August

3-4 - San Jose, CA

30-31 - Austin, TX

September

19-20 - Omaha, NE

26-27 - Vacaville, CA

October

4-5 - Portland, OR

25-26 - Anaheim, CA

November

2-3 - Tukwila, WA

Waikiki, HI – TBD

Schedule Subject to Change. For more information on Spirometry courses and Respiratory Protection & Fit Testing courses, please visit www.palmerassociates.com. Onsite classes also provided.

FEATURED PRODUCTS



nidd Diagnostics EasyOne Air Spirometer



Inventis Timpani Tympanometer/Audiometer



Lifoloc Technologies Phoenix 6.0BT Breath Alcohol Tester



Viral Filters for Spirometry Testing



Viral Filters for Breath Alcohol Testing

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COURSE DIRECTORS

Kendra Palmer Anderson, BA, CST



Kendra Palmer-Anderson is the Spirometry Course Director for Palmer Associates, Inc. As the founder of Fast Response Onsite Testing (FROST), she oversaw the OSHA mandated medical examinations on workers and performed spirometry for hundreds of companies. Before that she worked as a certified spirometrist conducting spirometry testing in the field and as a NIOSH approved Practicum Instructor for over 15 years.



Amy Johnson, Au.D.



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