

## **Society of Occupational Medicine of the Czech Medical Association of J. E. Purkyně**

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**Society of Occupational Medicine** gathers specialists in the field of occupational medicine. This discipline studies the impact of work and working conditions on the health of workers. It deals with the prevention, diagnostics, treatment, and medicolegal aspects of diseases caused or exacerbated by working conditions.

Occupational medicine comprehensively deals with relations between work and health. It prescribes procedures for building a safe and healthy working environment, handles the problem of adapting the work to the abilities of workers with regard to their physical and mental health, it is concerned about health promotion in workers, including evaluation and promotion of their working capacity, and studies the impact of work and working conditions on the occurrence of chronic non-infectious diseases, the progression of which may be significantly influenced by work and working conditions. The information obtained by studying the level of exposure to adverse factors in working settings, and their impact on the health and well-being of workers is used for setting regulatory measures aimed at ensuring health protection at work, optimization of working conditions and preservation of working capacity.

### **■Organizational structure of the Society of Occupational Medicine**

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There are eight panels, one working group and one expert committee established in the Society:

- **PANELS**

- Occupational diseases and toxicology (Prof. Daniela Pelclová, M.D., Ph.D.)
- Occupational hygiene (Ivan Kučera, M.D., Ph.D.)
- Occupational health care/services (Petr Svačinka, M.D.)
- Ergonomics, physiology and occupational psychology (Jana Hlávková, M.D.)
- Informatics (Ivan Kučera, M.D., Ph.D.)
- Occupational nurses (Dana Šviráková, M.D.)
- Occupational hygiene laboratory examination methods (temporarily not occupied)

- **WORKING GROUPS**

- Quality control of occupational health care (Assoc. Prof. Milan Tuček, M.D., Ph.D.)

- **EXPERT COMMITTEE**

- Evaluation of medical fitness for work (Aleš Hejlek, M.D.)

## ■Membership

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To the date of July, 2010, the Society of Occupational Medicine comprised 207 members, of them 187 physicians, 15 non-medical professionals, and 5 occupational nurses.

The list and contact addresses of the Board of the Society members can be found at: <http://www.pracovni-lekarstvi.cz/onas.php> (Czech version of this page).