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AOHP Publishes 14th Edition of *Getting Started: Occupational Health in the Healthcare Setting*

PITTSBURGH – The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) has published the 14th edition of its well respected resource manual *Getting Started: Occupational Health in the Healthcare Setting*.

The manual provides an overview of the essential information that the novice occupational health professional needs to know to provide occupational health services to healthcare personnel, to assure a safe and healthy work site, and to assist in risk management and other services for the employer. Since the inception of this manual in 1990, it has been written, reviewed and updated biennially by members of AOHP. The manual also serves as a valuable reference for experienced occupational health professionals who are working to advance their profession. Chapter 12, which contains more than 200 references and URLs, provides extensive resources for the occupational health professional as well as content for those preparing for occupational health nursing certification.

A few areas of occupational health practice that require expertise supported by *Getting Started* include:

- New regulatory mandates and compliance requirements.
- Health hazards associated with new technologies.
- Emphasis on a safe and healthy worksite.
- Injury prevention and case management to reduce workers' compensation costs.
- Risk management and loss control.
- Emergency preparedness including natural disasters, terrorist events and pandemic influenza.

Featured updates for the 14th edition of *Getting Started* include: AOHP's updated position statement on Influenza Vaccination of Healthcare Personnel; recordkeeping requirements regarding Electronic Medical Records (EMR); samples of a Fitness for Duty Policy, Medical History Questionnaire, Transitional Duty Policy, and Hazardous Drug Policy; exposure protocols for Varicella, Pertussis, Influenza and bloodborne pathogens; and expanded hazard communication standard information.

AOHP is a national association with more than 1,000 members whose vision is to be the defining resource and leading advocate for occupational health and safety in healthcare. The specialty practice of this field has expanded in recent years and continues to become more complex. These professionals must balance the needs of healthcare personnel to ensure a healthy workforce while being accountable to the employer and ultimately to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for patients.

AOHP's members serve as leaders in championing the vital role of occupational health professionals in healthcare today. Through the active involvement of members at local, state and national levels, AOHP has

become the defining resource and leading advocate for occupational health, safety and well-being in healthcare, representing tens of thousands of healthcare workers throughout the nation. AOHP promotes health, safety and well-being for healthcare personnel through: advocating for employee health and safety; occupational health education and networking opportunities; health and safety advancement through best practice and research; and partnering with employers, regulatory agencies and related associations

The *Getting Started Manual* can be ordered online or download the order form at <http://aohp.org/aohp/MARKETPLACE/GettingStartedManual.aspx>.

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