OVERVIEW
The Division of Preventive Medicine in the University of Alberta’s Department of Medicine offers an Occupational Medicine Postgraduate Year Three (PGY3) for Family Medicine physicians. The PGY3 provides education and training in Occupational Medicine with experience at the workplace or through institutions/organizations assisting in the prevention, compensation or treatment of work-related disease.

PGY3 in Occupational Medicine
The PGY3 in Occupational Medicine builds on the experience of the Foundation Course in Occupational Medicine that is offered through the Division of Preventive Medicine to provide the knowledge, experience and skills that allow a family physician to provide Occupational Medicine services.

By the end of the six-month PGY3 training the resident will:

- have an enhanced knowledge of common occupationally related diseases and injuries, and their management including requirements for reporting to the Workers’ Compensation Board of Alberta (WCB) and other agencies;
- be able to provide advice to workers, employers and third parties about fitness for work, and return to work after work related and non-work related illness and injury;
- be able to communicate effectively with employers, the WCB and third parties regarding limitations and restrictions for workers, taking account of the legal requirements of health and safety law and disability regulations;
- understand the ethical constraints that apply to privacy and confidentiality when communicating with employers, the WCB, and third parties, and demonstrate their appropriate application;
- be equipped to visit workplaces and undertake health hazard identification assessments, or walk through surveys, with employer management and safety representatives;
- be able to initiate and assess a health surveillance program for a specific occupational health hazard (such as noise or lead) in appropriate circumstances;
- demonstrate the principles and practice of continuous care through the on-going management of health care for patients who are part of the workforce, understanding the importance of work in contributing to patients’ health, and for individual workers passing through rehabilitation and reintegration into the workforce.

The PGY3 program may include the following placements:

- Industrial occupational health services;
- Workers’ Compensation Board of Alberta;
- Alberta Labour, Occupational Health and Safety;
- Ergonomics;
- Millard Treatment Centre;
- Occupational & Environmental Medicine Specialist Teaching Clinic at the University of Alberta.

APPLICATION
Application deadline varies.

Applications are located on the Enhanced Skills Application Process page (here).

Fill out the application and submit all required items to fmes@ualberta.ca.

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