

American Osteopathic College of Occupational and Preventive Medicine

Medical Review Officer Training Course

Toxicology Testing and the MRO: A Physicians Role in the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse

March 23-24, 2019 – Phoenix, AZ

Register on AOCOPM's website: <https://www.aocopm.org/education>

More than 60 percent of large private employers require drug and alcohol testing, and over 20 million forensic drug test specimens are processed by certified laboratories every year. The results of these laboratory tests are reviewed and interpreted by thousands of highly-qualified physicians acting as certified Medical Review Officers (MROs).

Federal regulations require MROs to complete training and certification/recertification by a nationally-recognized MRO board every 5 years. AOCOPM's Comprehensive MRO Course not only fulfills this training requirements, it offers physicians the opportunity to learn from leaders in the MRO field. This course is an excellent training option for physicians new to MRO practice as well as practicing MROs who are looking to maintain the highest standards of knowledge, practice, certification, and compliance.

OUR FACULTY

James Ferguson, D.O., FASAM

Medical Director and Addiction Specialist

Dr. Ferguson has been a certified MRO since 1992. He is the author of The MRO Team Manual and co-author of the MRO chapters of the Principles of Addiction Medicine and the Handbook of Workplace Drug Testing.

R.H. Barry Sample, PhD, D-FTCB

Director of Science and Technology at Quest Diagnostics since 1991

Donna R. Smith, PhD

Dr. Donna Smith is the Regulatory Compliance Officer at WorkforceQA, a full-service Third Party Administrator for workplace safety and compliance programs. Dr. Smith has over 35 years' experience and expertise in drug free workplace program regulatory compliance. Dr. Smith served in policy and regulatory positions with the U.S. Departments of Army, Defense and Transportation. She is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of Federal drug testing regulations, drug and alcohol testing procedures, drug and alcohol abuse awareness training for employees and managers, medical review officer(MRO) procedures, drug free workplace policy and procedures, and substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation. Since 1990 she has served on the faculties of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) for continuing medical education courses for physicians serving as Medical Review Officers (MRO). Dr. Smith has served on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Federal Drug Testing Advisory Board (DTAB), the Substance Abuse Program Administrators Association (SAPAA) Board of Directors, and currently serves on the Board of the Drug Free America Foundation. In addition to her work in DFWP policy and program consultation, Dr. Smith serves as a technical expert in the Professional Health Monitoring arena. Dr. Smith earned a BA in sociology from Capital University, an MSW in clinical social work from Hunter College, CUNY, and a PhD in counseling psychology from Ball State University.

Continuing Medical Education

This program anticipates being approved for 13 credits of AOA Category 1-A CME credits, pending approval by the AOA CCME.

This program anticipates being approved for 13 MOC credits by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM).

Examination/Certification

For the convenience of course participants, AOCOPM has partnered with the Medical Review Officer Certification Council (MROCC) to offer the MRO certification examination in conjunction with the MRO course. MROCC certification is DOT and SAMHSA recognized and approved. Registration for the certification examination is separate from the course. Information on registering for the examination is available on the MROCC website at <https://www.mrocc.org/getcertified.cfm>