



CREOD

The Centre for Research Expertise in Occupational Disease (CREOD) is dedicated to improving understanding and prevention of occupational disease. Our research addresses the full spectrum of the health and safety continuum: from prevention, through exposure assessment, early recognition, diagnosis, treatment, return-to-work, and outcomes. We work across disciplines and methodological paradigms to contribute to policy, knowledge, and practice in both the workplace and clinical settings. Our research programs include Occupational Lung Disease, Occupational Skin Disease, Hand-Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS), and Biologic Hazards. CREOD is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Labour and is affiliated with the Gage Occupational and Environmental Health Unit, a collaborative program of the University of Toronto and St. Michael's Hospital. The centre was founded in 2004 with support and funding from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. Dr Linn Holness is the Director.

OCRC

The Occupational Cancer Research Centre (OCRC), established in 2009, is the first of its kind in Canada. The OCRC works to fill the gaps in our knowledge of occupation-related cancers and use these findings to inform preventive programs to control workplace carcinogenic (cancer-causing) exposures and improve the health of workers. The OCRC is a unique partnership that unites research, healthcare, workplace safety, labour and industry groups. It is jointly funded by Cancer Care Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Labour, and the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Division and was developed in collaboration with the United Steelworkers. The Centre is housed at Cancer Care Ontario. It is led by a Director, Dr. Paul Demers, and Associate Director, Dr. Desre Kramer.

OHCOW

The Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc. (OHCOW) was established in 1989 by the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) and is funded through the Ontario Ministry of Labour (MOL). The first clinic opened in 1989 in Hamilton, with subsequent clinics opening in Toronto, Windsor, Sudbury, Sarnia, Thunder Bay and Ottawa. The CEO is Michael Roche. Staffed by an inter-disciplinary team of nurses, hygienists, ergonomists, client service coordinators and contracted physicians, each OHCOW clinic provides comprehensive occupational health services and information in five areas:

- An inquiry service to answer work-related health and safety questions
- Medical diagnostic services for workers who may have work-related health problems
- Group service for workplace health and safety committees and groups of workers
- Outreach and education to increase awareness of health and safety issues, and promote prevention strategies.
- Research services to investigate and report on illnesses and injuries.