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AOHP Publishes Expanded 16th Edition of *Getting Started: Occupational Health in the Healthcare Setting*

Warrendale, PA – The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) has published the expanded 16th edition of its flagship publication, *Getting Started: Occupational Health in the Healthcare Setting*. This comprehensive resource manual has proven its value to occupational health professionals (OHPs) for nearly two decades as the specialty practice of occupational health in healthcare has evolved in scope and complexity.

Getting Started provides an overview of essential information the novice OHP needs to promote the health, safety, and well-being of healthcare personnel. The manual also serves as a valuable reference for experienced OHPs who are working to launch a new project emphasizing health promotion, improvements in productivity, and/or maintaining a safe working environment. Chapter 12, which contains more than 200 current references, provides extensive resources to assist those who are preparing for occupational health nursing certification.

Since the inception of this manual in 1990, it has been written, reviewed, and updated on a regular basis by members of AOHP. The 16th edition of *Getting Started*, however, involved an extensive revision to more fully address the OHP's many expanding areas of responsibility, and incorporated the use of content experts to draft selected information requiring in-depth expertise. The revision process was overseen by a core team of editors who worked with the contributing content experts (which included AOHP members) to develop new subject matter.

Some areas of occupational health practice that require expertise supported by the expanded 16th edition of *Getting Started* include:

- New regulatory and compliance requirements.
- Emphasis on a safe and healthy worksite.
- Injury prevention and case management to reduce workers' compensation costs.
- Development and use of outcomes monitoring tools.
- Risk management and loss control.
- Emergency preparedness and response, including natural disasters, terrorist events, and pandemic influenza.

New areas of content for the 16th edition of *Getting Started* include: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2019 revised tuberculosis recommendations; hazardous drugs; lab animal workers; healthcare safety culture; and slips, trips, and falls. The manual is divided into three major sections: Fundamentals of Occupational Health in Healthcare; Essential Components of Health and Safety Programs Within a Facility; and Professional Advancement in Occupational Health. Sample documents and references are also included.

AOHP, a national association with about 1,000 members, is the defining resource and leading advocate for occupational health, safety, and well-being in healthcare. AOHP advocates for employee health and safety, provides occupational health education and networking opportunities, offers health and safety advancement through best practice and research, and partners with employers, regulatory agencies and related associations.

For more information, or to order an electronic copy of *Getting Started*, please contact AOHP Headquarters at 800-362-4347 or info@aohp.org.

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