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ACOEM/FMCSA Announce Winner of 2007 Medical Fellow Research Program

ACOEM and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) are pleased to announce that **John D. Meyer, MD, MPH, FACOEM** is the 2007 grant recipient of the new Medical Fellow Research Program.

Dr. Meyer is Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Director of the CDC/NIOSH-funded residency training program in occupational medicine at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Meyer has served twice as chair of the Occupational Medicine Residency Directors Association and presently chairs the ACOEM Research Committee and Academic Policy Committee; he is also Director of the ACOEM Occupational Medicine Board Review Course. Dr. Meyer currently sits on the CDC/NOISH Study Section for Occupational Safety and Health.

Dr. Meyer will be using the FMCSA award to work on his study "Longitudinal Assessment of Drug and Alcohol Use in Drivers and Risk of Occupational Injury." Specific aims include describing the prevalence patterns of drug and alcohol use in individuals working as truck and bus drivers; evaluating trends in prevalence of alcohol and substance abuse in drivers over time; describing the incidence, nature, and costs of work-related injury in truck and bus drivers; and evaluating the relative risk of work-related injury and motor vehicle accidents of drivers with evidence of moderate and heavy alcohol use, illicit substance abuse and inappropriate or excessive prescription drug use.

The annual Medical Fellow Research Program provides funding for research focusing on one of the medical standards or relevant issues for commercial motor vehicle health and safety. Research projects funded under this program need to be applied to the general U.S. motor carrier workforce and emphasize one of the following topics: use of drug/alcohol by truck and bus drivers; medications and driving; driving with cardiovascular disease, diabetes, neurological disorders, renal disease, seizure disorders, sleep disorders, and other acute medical conditions; hearing impairment; musculoskeletal disease and injury among truck and bus drivers; injury and return-to-work issues among truck and bus drivers; or psychiatric illness and driving.