



Pain and disability. Loss of livelihood and dignity. Musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) plague more Ontario workers than any other work-related injury or illness. MSDs account for about 40 per cent of all approved lost-time injury claims in Ontario — a rate stubbornly unchanged for decades. Despite efforts to prevent MSDs, much more is needed to end this suffering.

Workers and their representatives are asking and seeking answers to some tough questions:

- Why do workers continue to suffer MSDs in such great numbers?**
- Why are interventions not more effective?**
- What do we need in order to move from pain to prevention?**



The WHSC and OHCOW, through a jointly sponsored conference in recognition of Global Ergonomics Month, are providing an opportunity for workers and their representatives to find answers, share experiences and learn from each other. Through panel discussions and engaging workshops, conference participants will explore:

- ✓ The scope and cost of work-related MSDs
- ✓ Sources of MSD hazards in the workplace
- ✓ Barriers to prevention
- ✓ Prevention tools and strategies.

WHSC and OHCOW have long partnered to provide workers, their representatives and other workplace parties a unique but complementary set of occupational health and safety services. Consequently, throughout this conference we will also invite participants to provide feedback on what more our organizations can do to help workers address MSD hazards.

Opening address	Sunday, October 25, 2015, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (followed by a reception)
Plenary and workshops	Monday, October 26, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location	Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario
Cost	\$85.00 plus HST (includes opening night reception, breakfast, lunch and breaks on Monday)
Target audience	Worker health and safety activists and their union representatives

REGISTER

Please print and complete the conference registration form. Send your completed form to WHSC by fax to 416-441-1043, or scan and email it to workers_ergo_conf@whsc.on.ca, or mail it to WHSC/OHCOW Workers' Ergo Conference, 802-15 Gervais Drive, Toronto, ON M3C 1Y8. (Note: sponsoring unions can ask to be invoiced by WHSC.)

Questions?

Visit www.whsc.on.ca/Events/Workers-Ergo-Conference in the coming weeks for a final conference agenda. Email us at workers_ergo_conf@whsc.on.ca or call us toll-free 1-888-869-7950 and ask to speak with a WHSC Training Services Representative.