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9th SC OM Webinar - Occupational Skin Disorders

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Skin disorders comprise more than 35% of all occupational related diseases, approximately 1 in 1000 workers. Skin being the largest organ on human, is the most commonly injured organ in industry.

Almost 2000 substances are recognised as contact allergens and some workers bring to their work pre-existing diseases which can be aggravated by their work.

Contact dermatitis of the hands is the most common occupational skin disease and atopy is often an important cofactor. The main challenge faced by the Occupational Health Professionals is looking for the cause of the skin diseases, whether it is due to work or not. If it is contact dermatitis, can it be an allergic or irritant? Other challenges are, how are we going to manage it at the workplace in order to prevent it from recurring or affecting other workers?

Hence, to address these matters, Scientific Committee on Occupational Medicine had organised a webinar on **Occupational Skin Disorders** on the 11th October 2024. Prof. Dr. Dragan Mijakovski from North Macedonia spoke on **Managing Work Related Dermatitis** and followed by

a topic in Spanish on **Is This Allergic or Irritant Contact Dermatitis?** by Prof. Dr. Juan Francisco Umeres Alvaro from Peru. The 3rd topic of the webinar was by Prof. Gail Todd, South Africa presented **Is This Occupational Skin Diseases?** by illustrating many pictures of work-related skin disorders.

More than 80 participants around the globe took part and gained a lot of knowledge during the webinar and at the discussion session. Heartful thanks to Dr Miriam Panduro and Dr. Tongai Mukwewa, the Steering Committee of SCOM for moderating this webinar.

