

THE CALIFORNIA ARTIFICIAL STONE AND SILICOSIS (CASS) PROJECT

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About the Webinar:

This presentation will summarize the CASS Project. The overarching aim of this project is to promote respiratory health among vulnerable workers in California's countertop fabrication industry through education, medical monitoring, and statewide enhanced surveillance. The overall hypothesis of this project is that a multifaceted public health intervention will increase compliance with silica regulations and the detection of silicosis in the contemporary workplaces of California's countertop fabrication industry.

Learning Objectives:

At the completion of this activity, the learner will be able to:

- Describe the risk of silicosis for workers using engineered stone and identify effective strategies for prevention
- Identify challenges to prevention for this vulnerable worker population
- Discuss how a multifaceted public health intervention can complement a regulatory approach to prevention

Speakers:

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