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RE: FR Doc. 2023–24586: 88 FR 80319, Announcement of Intent to Establish Federal Advisory Committee on Long COVID; Request for Nominations

Dear Deputy Director O'Donnell:

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine ([ACOEM](#)) is pleased to nominate Dr. Greg Vanichkachorn to serve on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Long COVID. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Secretary Becerra and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for following through on the President's Memorandum on Addressing the Long-Term Effects of COVID-19 and working to establish this critical federal advisory committee.

Founded in 1916, ACOEM is the nation's largest medical society dedicated to promoting the health of workers through preventive medicine, clinical care, research, and education. Our membership comprises physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other health care professionals specializing in occupational and environmental medicine (OEM). Functional recovery and return to work are crucial outcomes of interest for Long COVID and are among the foundations of our specialty.

Dr. Vanichkachorn is board-certified in OEM and a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, with experience in practicing clinical medicine and conducting research addressing work-related disease outcomes, including a substantial body of work related to care for patients with Long COVID. He has been a Fellow since 2018 and a member of ACOEM since 2010. Notably, Dr. Vanichkachorn served as the Medical Director for the Mayo Clinic's multidisciplinary COVID-19 Activity Rehabilitation Program, one of the first clinical and research centers in the world focusing on treating patients suffering from Long COVID.

I want to draw particular attention to his contributions as co-author of a [recent publication](#) in the January 2024 edition of the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine* (JOEM) on the interplay between Long COVID and the practice of OEM.¹ This publication will be instrumental in helping clinicians understand the medical aspects of Long COVID, ways to utilize functional measures to prevent a Long COVID impairment from becoming a disabling condition, and practical approaches to assist the worker in maintaining employment.

¹ Howard, John MD; Cloeren, Marianne MD, MPH, FACOEM, FACP; Vanichkachorn, Greg MD, MPH. Long COVID and Occupational Medicine Practice. *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*. Jan 2024;66(1):1-5. Available at: https://journals.lww.com/joem/fulltext/2024/01000/long_covid_and_occupational_medicine_practice.1.aspx?context=featuredarticles&collectionid=3

Throughout his professional career, Dr. Vanichkachorn has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring patients can recover from the spectrum of illness and disability that may inhibit day-to-day function and their ability to return to work. In his current role in the private sector with Delta Airlines, he synthesizes his knowledge to safeguard the well-being of the organization's employees while establishing best practices to maintain a productive and efficient workforce in support of the nation's economy.


I firmly believe Dr. Vanichkachorn's expertise spans the areas of emphasis noted in the announcement. He would bring a deep spirit of collaboration and an informed perspective to the body as it undertakes the mission it has been charged with. Attached is Dr. Vanichkachorn's recent curriculum vitae (with a list of authored publications and documents). He is aware of this nomination and is interested and willing to serve on this committee should he be selected. Dr. Vanichkachorn has no conflicts of interest that would preclude membership on the Advisory Committee.

Nominee's Information:

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Thank you again for establishing this vital Advisory Committee on Long COVID. We believe the committee's work will be instrumental in assisting HHS as the Department focuses on interventions needed to decrease disability and increase the quality of life for patients suffering from Long COVID. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dane Farrell (Dane@cascadeassociates.net), ACOEM's Government Affairs Representative. I highly recommend Dr. Vanichkachorn for consideration and believe he would be a great asset to the Secretary and other committee members.

Sincerely,



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President
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)

Curriculum Vitae and Bibliography

Greg Vanichkachorn, MD, MPH

Personal Information

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Rochester, MN 55905

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Present Academic Rank and Position

Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine - Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science 04/01/2020 - Present

Consultant - Division of Preventive, Occupational and Aerospace Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota 07/06/2022 - Present

Education

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York - BA, BA in Chemistry and Biochemistry 08/1996 - 05/2000

VCU School of Medicine, Richmond, Virginia - MD, Medical Doctorate 08/2001 - 05/2005

University of Iowa Roy J. And Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa - Post-Grad, PGY-1 in Family Practice and Psychiatry 06/2005 - 06/2006

VCU St. Francis Family Medicine Residency, Midlothian, Virginia - Residency, Completed Family Medicine Residency Training 06/2006 - 10/2008

University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine, Seattle, Washington - MPH 09/2011 - 06/2013

University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Residency, Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency training 07/2014 - 07/2016

American Association of Physician Leadership, Tampa, Florida - MD, Completing training as a Certified Physician Executive 07/2016 - Present

Additional Education

Medical Certification Standards and Procedures Training Course 04/01/2019 - 06/12/2019

Commercial Driver Medical Examiner Training: Improving Transportation Safety through Education and Certification 07/05/2019 - 07/08/2019

Medical Certification Standards and Procedures Training Course 07/05/2019 - 08/02/2019

Essentials of CBT
Cognitive Behavior Training 08/01/2019 - 10/01/2019

Certification

Board Certifications

American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM)

Family Medicine 2009 - Present

American Board of Preventive Medicine

Occupational Medicine 2015 - Present

Federal Aviation Administration Medical Examiner

Medical Examiner 2014 - Present

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

Medical Examiner 2014 - Present

Medical Review Officer Certification Council

Certified Medical Review Officer (MRO) 2009 - Present

6/27/23



Other Certifications**Mayo Clinic Quality Academy**

Mayo Clinic Quality Fellow: Bronze Level Certification	2020
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Licensure

Montana	12202 (Medical)	2009 - 2021
Minnesota	63755 (Medical)	2018 - Present

Honors and Awards

2021 Teamwork Award - Mayo Clinic Award for successful collaboration among providers for development of long covid care at Mayo Clinic.	12/01/2021 - Present
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Previous Professional Positions and Major Appointments

Medical Provider - Patient First Provided medical care/oversight in an urgent care center while working as a resident.	11/01/2007 - 10/01/2008
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Attending Physician - St. Francis Family Medicine Residency Provided education in Family Medicine to residents and medical students Provided free medical care to uninsured patients via a mobile clinic. Instructed 1st and 2nd year medical students in the principles of clinical care as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine Provided media representation to local news stations	11/01/2008 - 10/01/2009
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Medical Director - Kalispell Regional Medical Center Manages all aspects of a hospital employee health program, including toxic exposures, blood borne pathogens, infection control, work safety, and immunizations. Provides continuous worker's compensation care. Performs Social Security Disability consultative examinations. Performs impairment ratings and independent medical examinations. Performs certified commercial driver medical examinations. Provides instruction and training for commercial driver medical examinations. Delivers medical review officer services in pre-employment, random, and post-accident settings. Modifies and develops employee wellness programs. Performs Federal Aviation Administration pilot physicals. Provides population based care for 3000+ hospital system. Provided cross coverage for family medicine and pain management when needed.	11/2009 - 11/01/2015
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Corporate Health Director - Kalispell Regional Medical Center Provides occupational medicine services, including acute/chronic injury care, independent medical evaluations, FAA physicals, DOT physicals, and impairment ratings. Researches and collaborates with Chief Strategy Office, Chief Financial Office and Executive Director of Quality to develop productive negotiations with local employers, healthcare payers, hospital departments. Champions transition to value based care. Develops and medically directs internal and external wellness program including biometric screening, education, marketing, program evaluation and research. In conjunction with senior leadership, manages, updates and optimizes hospital employee health and safety programs and policies. Analyzes claims data, using Deerwalk, Excel, and Optum One software. Provides risk communication for complex health matters affecting employees and locally served community. Works directly with local employers to optimize workforce health and safety via wellness programs, case management/review, and policy development. Leads quality improvement related research in the fields of employee wellness and works compensation care.	11/01/2015 - 06/01/2018
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President - Cairn Medical LLC Provides occupational medical services, including injury care, independent medical evaluations, FAA physicals, and impairment ratings.	2018 - 06/30/2019
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Full Time Associate Physician - Doctor on Demand Provides urgent and primary care via telemedicine via the nation's largest telemedicine provider.	04/01/2018 - 06/30/2019
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Project Director - Federal health Resources Outreach Grant	04/01/2018 - 06/30/2019
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After successfully writing grant application, leads a multidisciplinary team developing a rural wellness program across Montana.

Senior Associate Consultant - Division of Preventive, Occupational and Aerospace Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

07/08/2019 - 07/05/2022

Service

Community Memberships and Services

Habitat for Humanity
Volunteer

07/08/2019 - Present

Professional Memberships and Societies

Professional Memberships and Services

Aerospace Medical Association
Member

08/14/2019 - Present

American Academy of Family Physicians
Member

01/01/2005 - Present

American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
Fellow

2015 - Present

Journal Responsibilities

Journal Editorial Responsibilities

American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)
Reviewer

American Family Physician
Reviewer

Annals of Epidemiology
Reviewer

05/01/2022 - Present

Education Interests and Accomplishments

Curriculum and Course Development

Commercial Driver's License Medical Examiner Certification Training Course
Alcohol, medications, mental health subject author and instructor
Montana

02/2014 - Present

Teaching

Attending and lecturer for Preventive Medicine Resident Rotation
Rochester, Minnesota

Lecturer Mayo Clinic Florida Aerospace Medicine Elective
Jacksonville, Florida

University of Pennsylvania Site Visitor
Reviewed occupational and environmental medicine resident's career and educational progress.
Rochester, Minnesota

12/11/2019 - 01/01/2020

Post COVID Syndrome: Clinicians Perspective
Presented at the internationally viewed Department of Medicine Grand Rounds at Mayo Clinic.
Rochester, Minnesota

12/01/2021 - Present

Academic Career Development

Cross Cultural Communication

10/07/2019 - Present

Effective Communication in Healthcare

10/07/2019 - Present

QI-ResCUE Model for Cross Cultural Care

10/07/2019 - Present

Communication in Healthcare for Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers -

10/07/2019

Rochester, Arizona, MCHS	
New Physician & Scientist - Leadership Launch: Building Your Career at Mayo Clinic	12/04/2019
Professionalism and Values I	12/14/2019 - Present
The Leadership Launch Leadership development course	12/14/2019 - Present
Professionalism II	02/03/2020 - Present
Leading with Emotional Intelligence	02/13/2020 - Present
Professionalism III	10/06/2021 - Present

Institutional/Departmental Administrative Responsibilities, Committee Memberships and Other Activities

Mayo Clinic

Multidisciplinary Approach Guiding Post-COVID Investigation, Education and Symptom Management Team	
Physician co-lead Led development of system wide response to long haul covid management and research.	01/01/2021 - Present
Telemedicine Committee - DPOAM	
Physician Lead Physician lead for telemedicine implementation in the Division of Preventive, Occupational, and Aerospace Medicine.	08/07/2019 - Present

Presentations Extramural

National or International

Invited

Leveraging Occupational Health Medicine to Facilitate Return to Work and Achieve Improved Outcomes Provided preliminary research outcomes for a study examining outcomes from the use of a standardized treatment protocol for low back pain in injured workers. 72nd Annual Workers Compensation Educational Conference	08/01/2017
Biometric Screening: Is it Worth It to Know Presented original research on biometric screening for wellness programs. Healthcare Revolution	10/30/2018
Long COVID Webinar Reviewed latest information regarding long COVID and occupational medicine. MD Guidelines/ACOEM Webinar	04/13/2022
Mayo Clinic Post COVID Recovery Provided international guidance on long covid care to the South Pacific region. International Expert Advisory Session on Post-acute Sequelae of COVID-19 (Long COVID)	05/03/2022
White House Long COVID Collaboration Provided long haul covid expertise to the White House on behalf of the Mayo Clinic.	06/11/2022

Oral

Post COVID Syndrome: The New Frontier Panel presentation at the Aerospace Medical Association National Conference Aerospace Medical Association National Conference	05/27/2022
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Regional

Invited

Post COVID Syndrome: Clinicians Perspective Education lecture for the Alaska Medical Providers ECHO series.	12/07/2021
Testimony on Long COVID for Minnesota Legislature Health Finance and Policy Committee Hearing	02/02/2022

Provided lawmakers background information regarding long covid and its impacts.	
Post COVID Syndrome: Clinicians Perspective Provided education on long covid to the North Dakota Medical Association	02/04/2022
Testimony on Long COVID for California State Legislature Provided information to lawmakers about long haul covid and its impact.	03/09/2022
Long Haul COVID: Clinical Considerations Provided expertise to North Dakota Medical Association regarding treatment of long haul covid.	04/14/2022
Oral	
Occupational and Environmental Medicine Field overview for Preventive Medicine Short Course	12/03/2019

Clinical Practice, Interests, and Accomplishments

Ironman distance triathlete, private pilot, and avid fly fisherman.

Quality Initiatives

Quality

Bronze Certification	01/01/2020 - Present
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Research Grants Awarded

Completed Grants

Federal

Project Director	Rural Healthcare Outreach Services Grant. Funded by Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. (D04RH31800)	05/2017 - 06/2019
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Peer-reviewed Articles

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Social Media Activity

1. Host of the Mayo Clinic Clear Approach Podcast. This podcast brings real world information about aerospace medicine to the aviation community. . Host. Podcast. Podcast. 9/1/2020

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