

PROFILE

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Julia E. Klees is currently Associate Medical Director for BASF Corporation, supporting the catalysts, chemicals, polymers, construction chemicals and coatings businesses. Functional responsibilities include the design and management of the BASF Corporation medical surveillance, medical fitness for duty assessment, and medical audit programs, and, with Corporate Legal, the controlled substance and alcohol testing programs. She is responsible for the international travel medical preparation program and the annual influenza immunization program, including outreach for remote sales force. She regularly works with site managers and functional groups regarding management of occupational health issues, reproductive hazard assessment, medical emergency response, health promotion programs, employee assistance programs, worker's compensation, and work re-entry from short term disability. She consults with her colleagues in Environmental Health and Safety regarding the relationship of health effects to toxicology, ergonomic issues and industrial hygiene. Julia contributes to the worldwide BASF Group Chemical Emergency Medical Guidelines, occupational medicine performance standards and audit programs and had served as team leader of the Global Occupational Health (OH) Expert Group for BASF SE worldwide.

Prior to joining BASF in 1995, Julia was a full-time faculty member of Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, in Philadelphia for four years, where she taught occupational medicine and internal medicine. She also had an active clinical and consulting practice. Before that, for 2 years, she was Medical Director of the Occupational Health Service at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Julia earned her Bachelor's of Arts in Premedical Science from Lehigh University in 1982, a Medical Doctorate in 1984 from Hahnemann University in Philadelphia (now Drexel) and a Masters in Public Health in 1989 from the University of California at Berkeley. She completed a residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic (Rochester MN) and a residency in occupational medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and is Board-Certified in both specialties. She is a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) and is currently a member of the ACOEM Evidence-based Practice Committee. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and co-author of several peer-reviewed medical articles.