



## **Kyle Petersen, DO, FIDSA, FACP, CTH**

Dr. Kyle Petersen, an Infectious Disease specialist, joins Occupational Health Consultants as a proud veteran of 24 years of service in the U.S. Navy. Dr. Petersen received his Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and his medical degree from Des Moines University-College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the Infectious Disease Society of America, and he is certified in Travel health by the International Society of Travel Medicine.

Dr. Petersen completed his Internal Medicine internship at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA, followed by training at the Naval Undersea Medicine Institute. His first tour of duty was in Undersea & Emergency Medicine at Naval Hospital Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, where he was the physician for Naval Special Warfare Unit 4, Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 2 and Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2 Detachment Caribbean. He provided 24-hour emergency treatment for military and civilian divers in the island's only hyperbaric treatment facility and also deployed with Seal Delivery Vehicle Team 2, becoming a certified submarine medical officer.

Dr. Petersen completed Internal Medicine Residency and Infectious Diseases Fellowship at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA. His research efforts included studying HIV medication adherence and traveler's diarrhea in Thailand. He was assigned to National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, MD, where his duties included infection control chairman, head of travel medicine and pharmacy, and therapeutics committee member. During the war, he cared for complex polytrauma patients suffering from infections with antibiotic resistant pathogens such as *Acinetobacter baumannii* and deployed on the hospital ship COMFORT during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

An experienced biomedical researcher, Dr. Petersen was a principal investigator at Naval Medical Research Center, Silver Spring MD, where he was medical authority for the biosurety personnel reliability program. He founded and managed the Department of Defense's wound infection program. Dr. Petersen was both Executive and Commanding Officer of U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 6, Lima, Peru, a 300 employee lab for tropical medicine research and epidemiology. He is an Associate Professor of medicine at Uniformed Services University.

Dr. Petersen is author of numerous articles in the area of infectious diseases. He has multiple military decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, and several teaching awards. He has previously been featured in the *LA Times*, *Forbes Magazine*, the *Washington Post*, and was named one of the 32 top travel medicine providers by Condé Nast Traveler.