Webinar Series: Your Health, Your Environment...They Matter!

This four-part webinar series is a collaboration among the Connecticut Nurses’ Association (CNA), the Rhode Island State Nurses Association (RISNA) and the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA).

Intended audience: Healthcare professionals and other individuals interested in the impact of global environmental change on health.

Purpose statement: The series will feature national and international experts in environmental health and advocacy who will address issues about climate change, the safety of consumer products, chemical policy reform and ways to take action. Participants will become resources for their communities to educate and advocate for green health.

REGISTRATION/COURSE FEE(S)/CONTACT HOURS
Participants are encouraged to complete all four parts of this important series. To sign up as a single participant or with a group*, visit www.nysna.org for exclusive on-line registration.

Members (CNA, RISNA, NYSNA): $25 per session  Nonmembers: $40 per session

*Note, for a single fee, the number of participants in a group is unlimited (per session).

1.25 contact hours will be awarded for each webinar in the series.

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APRIL 28 — 4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
PART 1: Circle of Health: Impact of Climate Change
Jonathan Patz, MD, MPH, Professor and Director of Global Environmental Health at the University of Wisconsin in Madison

Dr. Patz is lead author for the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (or IPCC) – the organization that shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore.

OBJECTIVES
- Discuss how health is linked to the quality of the environment.
- Identify key environmental health issues affecting the global community.
- Explain the negative consequences to health from environmental injustices.

MAY 12 — 4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
PART 2: Consumer Products: What We Don’t Know Hurts Us
Stacy Malkan, Communications Director of Health Care Without Harm, and co-founding member of the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics

Campaign for Safe Cosmetics is a national coalition working to eliminate hazardous chemicals from personal care products.

OBJECTIVES
- Recognize health issues associated with toxic chemical exposure from consumer products.
- Describe safer alternatives and practices for the home and workplace.

MAY 26 — 4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
PART 3: Policy Matters: Shaping Chemical Policy Reform
Holly E. Carpenter, BSN, RN, Senior Staff Specialist in the American Nurses Association’s (ANA) Center for Occupational and Environmental Health

The American Nurses Association is the largest nursing organization in the United States.

OBJECTIVES
- Identify health disparities related to chemical exposure in vulnerable populations.
- Identify ways to implement a chemical policy action plan in the home and workplace.

JUNE 9 — 4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.
PART 4: Join Team Green Advocacy
Gary Cohen, Co-Founder and Executive Director for Health Care Without Harm

Gary Cohen co-founded Health Care Without Harm from an awareness that the environmental movement must merge with the health and human rights movement.

OBJECTIVES
- Identify gaps in current laws and regulations related to chemical policy reform that can place the population at risk.
- Discuss ways to use principles of advocacy to engage others in chemical policy initiatives.